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Object: MS: 1947199810122241-Study protocol Acupuncture for patients with mild-to-moderate adolescent myopia: study protocol for a randomized controlled trial. Yan Wang et al.

Thank you for your comments.
We have addressed the points made by the reviewer and we hope you will reconsider our revised manuscript.

Reviewer's report

1. The English needs improving throughout – the paper does not flow, and there are a number of odd constructions – important to get a native writer to check the paper. In particular, the authors switch between present and past tense, which is confusing – it seems that this trial at time of writing is just beginning recruitment, and is not finished?
   **Reply:** The manuscript was edited by a native English language editing company (International Science Editing).

2. The authors need to explicitly introduce that this is a single center or a multi-center study in the Methods section.
   **Reply:** The authors have revised the text accordingly and we now explicitly state in the in Abstract and Methods sections that this is a single center study.

3. The authors should include a statement in the Methods section explaining that you obtained informed consent from each participant.
   **Reply:** Accordingly, the appropriate statement has been added to the Methods section

4. The authors should describe the main time points for evaluation in the abstract.
   **Reply:** Accordingly, we provide the main time points for evaluation in the Abstract.
5. The authors should describe the total treatments in the abstract and Intervention.

Reply: Accordingly, the authors have provided more details on the total treatments in the Abstract and the Intervention sections. However, we are of the opinion that to provide even further details of the treatment in the Abstract would make this section too long.

6. The authors must include a statement in the Methods section explaining that who are blinded in this trial.

Reply: We have provided a statement in the Methods section describing who was blinded.

7. The Primary outcome and Secondary outcome in the Methods section should be included in the Outcome measurement.

Reply: Accordingly, the outcome sections have been combined.

8. In the Abstract, the authors describe that a follow-up period of 6 months was included, but in the Discussion, third paragraph, 7th sentence, participants were followed up for 8 months, which one is right?

Reply: Thank you for pointing out this mistake, the correct follow-up period is 6 months. This error has been corrected in the Discussion. In fact, this study included 2 months of treatment, and 6 months of follow-up, therefore the total observation period was of 8 months.

9. In the text, Table 1 is Trial flow chart, but in the additional files, Table 1 is Time to visit and data collected, please correct.

Reply: Table 1 is Trial flow chart, Figure 1 is Flow of participants, we have corrected.

10. In the additional files, Flow of participants, add (n=50) in the Wear single vision lenses + Acupuncture group.

Reply: Thank you, we have corrected this error in Figure 1 Flow of participants.

11. In the additional files, Flow of participants, in the last frame, “Loss to follow-up or”, does it have any supplement after “or”?

Reply: Thank you for bringing this error to our attention. In Figure 1 Flow of participants the label in the box at the bottom of the page now reads ‘Loss to follow-up or discontinued.’

12. Standard of case excluded: if the cases included conformed to one of the following, they were excluded: not cured. What’s meaning?

Reply: We have replaced ‘not cured’ with ‘lack of treatment’.