Reviewer's report

Title: Oral H1 antihistamines as monotherapy for eczema: A summary of a Cochrane systematic review

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This reviewer was disappointed that there were not adequate numbers of trials to conclude that antihistaminic agents are noneffective in the management of atopic dermatitis. Given the absolute lack of objective evidence, there appears to be inadequate support for their widespread use in clinical medication for non-histamine-mediated disorders such as atopic dermatitis.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I have many conflicts of interest professionally as I am an investigator on many clinical trials program and an employee of a pharmaceutical company. Nevertheless, I am most objective. I have never performed a trial of an antihistamine.

I have performed many clinical trials on systemic and topical agents for atopic dermatitis and work for a company, Merz North America, that has at least one product in development for atopic dermatitis.