Reviewer’s report

Title: Evaluation of the Safety and Efficacy of a Novel Product for the Removal of Impacted Human Cerumen

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Nice study. Small number to show anything more than it helps.

Author needs to be clear in the statement that this ear product is an adjunct to irrigation. As this study does not show the ear product dissolving the wax alone. It is compounded by the fact that a placebo or irrigation alone can produce 40 percent improvement as stated in the paper.

Hence the outcome is comparable to other products but cannot state better without a comparison trial.

I think if the article is rewritten as a safety and efficacy trial then it is acceptable and as stated further studies are needed to compare to other ear products. It should also state that this product was assessed as an adjunct and not as a standalone product.

The graphs are fine. The tables are difficult to follow and maybe better represented in flow chart form.

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