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Thank you for your notification about our manuscript. As you requested, we included line and page numbers. We also revised the Methods section of the manuscript as follows:

Reddish brown clear SSeo was prepared by Dr. Park K Y (College of Korean Medicine, Daegu Haany University, Gyeongsan, Republic of Korea) as follows. Briefly, dried seeds of S. chinensis (Turcz.) Baillon were collected around Mungyeong-city (Gyeongbuk, Republic of Korea) and completely dried at 180°C in a furnace (Daihan Scientific Co., Seoul, Republic of Korea). A voucher specimen (accession number DSSC-1) was deposited at the The Medical Research Center for Globalization of Herbal Formulation of Daegu Haany University. The dried seeds were then pulverized and lyophilized in a programmable freeze dryer (Freezone 1; Labconco Co., Kansas City, MO, USA). Lyophilized materials were extracted with 100% ethanol at room temperature for 24 h, filtered, and then concentrated using a rotary vacuum evaporator (Buchi Rotavapor R-144, BÜCHI Labortechnik, Flawil, Switzerland). Finally, the SSeo (Lot. 2012KuSSeo) was isolated by hydrodistillation using a Clevenger-type apparatus for 3 h according to the method recommended in a previous study [36]. The oil was stored in a refrigerator at 4°C to protect from light and degeneration. The yield of the oil based on the dried weight of the Schizandrae Semen was 0.66%.

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