Reviewer’s report

Title: Clinical efficacy and IL-17 targeting mechanism of Indigo naturalis as a topical agent in moderate psoriasis

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This is a randomized double blind clinical trial for evaluating the clinical efficacy of Indigo naturalis in psoriasis patients. When comparing with other previous published studies, this study is well designed and provides good evidence for the therapeutic mechanism of Indigo naturalis in treatment of psoriasis. In my opinion, the authors should add the photograph of HPLC of Indigo naturalis. This data is important to serve as a standard for the further study of Indigo naturalis.

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