Author’s response to reviews

Title: A Pilot Single Centre, Double Blind, Placebo Controlled, Randomized, Parallel Study of Calmagen® Dermaceutical Cream and Lotion for the Topical Treatment of Tinea and Onychomycosis

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Re: Response to Reviewers (BCAM-D-16-00792R2) – “A Pilot Single Centre, Double Blind, Placebo Controlled, Randomized, Parallel Study of Calmagen® Dermaceutical Cream and Lotion for the Topical Treatment of Tinea and Onychomycosis”

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the co-authors of the aforementioned manuscript, we would like to thank the reviewers for considering our response. Please find below our reply to your comments and suggestions.

1. Please remove the 'tracked changes' version of your manuscript from your submission, and leave only the 'clean' version.

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Reply: We have signed informed consent from the 2 individuals who had photos of their toenails before and after treatment and we have made the necessary statement in the manuscript. Furthermore, we have incorporated citation of these figures with text in a section of the manuscript, “Post study evidence”, just before the Conclusions section as follows:

“Post study evidence:

After completion of this study, there have been numerous testimonials and anecdotal evidence on the efficacy of the AMYCOT® lotion and cream. This is evident in two cases of onychomycosis in two Caucasian males who had the problem for several years. Both individuals had unsuccessfully tried several anti-fungal treatments, but their conditions were only successfully treated with AMYCOT® lotion with no recurrence after at least 2 months from clearance of the infections (Figures 5 and 6).”
Thank you for your kind attention regarding this matter and I hope that we have addressed your comments and look forward to having our manuscript accepted for publication at BMC Complementary and Alternative Medicine.

Sincerely,

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