Author's response to reviews

Title: Zingiberaceae extracts for pain: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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We wish to thank the reviewers for their invaluable feedback. We have accordingly revised our manuscript. Please find our point-by-point responses below:

Reviewer 1

Thank you for recognizing the importance of our study's findings. To address your comments:

1) Although only eight studies were included in the meta-analysis, we used Cochrane standards which state that "Two studies is sufficient number to perform a meta-analysis, provided that those two studies can be meaningfully pooled and provided their results are sufficiently 'similar'." Measures of heterogeneity were high, however, we showed a linear dose-effect.

2) Table 1 demonstrates the extract components per study. The reader may query PubChem's open chemistry database for molecular structures.

3) The reader is directed to review articles outlining the mechanisms of action of Zingeberaceae extracts on page 5 with references 33 and 34.

Reference


Reviewer 2

We thank you for the positive commentary on our meta-analysis. We hope to see it published in Nutrition Journal.

Editorial Points

Title page (page 1) - added author contact information (address and email)  
Acknowledgements - none to acknowledge, not added.
Thank you.

Sincerely,

Shaheen Lakhan, Christopher Ford, and Deborah Tepper