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Efficacy of a Polyherbal Syrup Containing Lemon Balm, Damask Rose, and Fennel to Treat Melasma: A Randomized, Triple - Blind, Controlled Clinical Trial

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1 Original submission

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Revision 1

AUTHORS' RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS

Authors' reply to reviewers

The next pages contain the authors' point-by-point reply to the comments of this revision round, as submitted with the revised manuscript. It is published as the authors wrote it.

Dear Editor:

Thank you very much for your letter informing us of your decision about the manuscript **138392**: "**The Efficacy of a Polyherbal Syrup Containing Lemon Balm, Damask Rose, and Fennel for Treating Melasma: A Randomized, Triple-Blind, Controlled Clinical Trial** ". First, we would like to appreciate you for their great comments to improve the quality of our paper. The manuscript has been revised according to with your comments. The point-by-point responses to the comments have been provided below. Revised texts have been highlighted in yellow.

Yours sincerely,

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Reviewer Comments

Reviewer 1:

Hi, dear authors

Thanks for sending the article

I study the article.

I agree to publish it for several reasons:

1) The text is written simply

2) perfect exclusion criteria especially for diabetic patients due to the presence of honey and sugar in medications, OCP drugs and .....

3) perfect study design

It is both well done and accurately written

Thanks

Response: Thanks for your appreciation

Reviewer 2:

The title of this article is well chosen according to other studies.

• The introduction section should be explained more in the abstract section.

Response: Thanks. It has been added. Please see page 1 lines 5-8.

• It is suggested to add clinical trial and syrup to the Keywords of the study.

Response: Agree. The words of clinical trial and syrup have been added to keywords. Please see page 1 line 26.

• All scientific names must be written in italics, which unfortunately must be corrected.

Response: Thanks. All scientific names have been written in italics. Please checked the text.

• The introduction section is more about melasma. It is suggested to explain the introduction part, especially about other contents such as herbal syrup, lemon balm, and damask rose.

Response: Thanks. The explanation about the ingredients of herbal syrup in more details has been added. Please see page 2-3 lines 49-62

• Please write the equation in the sample volume estimation section and remove the image.

Response: Thanks. The equation has been written and the image has been removed. Please see page 4 line 91

• Please add the conclusion section to the manuscript.

Response: The conclusion section has been added to the manuscript. Please see page 11 line 262

• The language of reference number 10 is incorrect in the references section. Please refer to the journal's format to modify it.

Response: Thanks for your accuracy. The language was not English. Therefore, it has been replaced with appropriate reference.

This manuscript needs major improvement in English syntax and word usage. Spelling mistakes are evident in all parts of this manuscript. Authors should seek help in writing scientific articles in English from a person or service specializing in writing scientific articles in English to make the necessary improvements to meet the standards of the journal.

Response: Thanks. The article has been reviewed by a person who is professional in English and promoted the text.

2 Revision 1

1 comment · 23 Jul 2023

Ali Rajabiyan Reviewer

ACCEPT 23 Jul 2023

Dear Prof.Ramezani
Editor-in-chief Jundishapur Journal of Natural Pharmaceutical Products

I thank the respected author(s) for revising the manuscript.
In my opinion, this manuscript is suitable for publication in “The Jundishapur Journal of Natural Pharmaceutical Products”.
I wish the author(s) success in their future studies.