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Dear AE,
Authors need to check punctuation marks in manuscript and references. Two full stops are used before and after references.
Thanks.

Vasudha Abhijit Belgaumkar: Reviewer | **Revision** (0) — 9 Aug 2021

Dear AE,
Nice write-up on a relatively novel drug with potential benefits for challenging cases in dermatology.
A few minor revisions are suggested.
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- Line 11: Spelling of "exacerbation" needs to be corrected.
- Add reference for Table 1. Substitute word " proportion" instead of a number in the title of Table 1.
- Are there any studies/case reports/meta-analyses for evidence of use of lactium in psychophysiological disorders, please include if available.

- Include atopic dermatitis in the list of potential indications for Lactium.
Thanks.

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The manuscript needs minor revision. The authors may revise the manuscript based on reviewers'
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Reviewer 1:
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We have replaced psychophysiological word with "psychocutaneous."

Line 11 : Spelling of "exacerbation" needs to be corrected.

Spelling has been rectified .

Add reference for Table 1. Substitute word " proportion" instead of number in title of Table 1.

Reference number-8 has been added in bibliography. Word 'number' has been replaced with 'proportion'.

Are there any studies/case reports/meta-analysis for evidence of use of lactium in psychophysiological disorders, please include if available.

There is only one study which we have already cited . ref no 6.

Messaoudi M, Lefranc-Millot C, Desor D, Demagny B. Effects of a tryptic hydrolysate from bovine milk αS1-casein on hemodynamic responses in healthy human volunteers facing successive mental and physical stress situations. Eur J Nut;44:128-132

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Added. Line 65

Reviewer 2:
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Rectified.

Associate Editor's Comments:

Associate Editor 1:
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