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| Manuscript Number: | **Ms\_JOCAMR\_133146** |
| Title of the Manuscript: | **To What Extent Does Science Support the Recommendation of Cupping Therapy for Migraines? A Step Toward Creating Guidelines Based on Evidence.** |
| Type of the Article | **Review Article** |

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| PART 1: Comments | | |
|  | Reviewer’s comment **Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated or assisted review comments are strictly prohibited during peer review.** | Author’s Feedback *(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)* |
| **Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.** | **Dear Editor.**  **Thank you for allowing me to review this outstanding article on cupping therapy.**  **This review aims to provide evidence for cupping therapy to be added to the guidelines for migraine treatment. In its current form, the manuscript is well-shaped, written comprehensively,**  **and has a clear flow, making it easy to read.** | OK |
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| Optional/General comments | **I have a few comments on the manuscript.**  **In the results section it was emphasized that none of the 18 trials included in the review was placebo-controlled. This issue should have been discussed in the discussion section because it is**  **one of the main limitations of the clinical trials conducted with cupping therapy. As it was mentioned in the limitations section of some of those clinical trials, the provision of a suitable**  **sham cupping method is still a challenge which is also true for applying blind method because cupping therapy has its own characteristics that render imitation nearly impossible.**  **In table 2 while expressing the type of the cupping therapy it will be more suitable to use initials. DCT for dry cupping therapy and WCT for wet cupping therapy.**  **In the introduction section, it was mentioned that cupping therapy is referred to as Hijima therapy in the Middle east. It is not hijima but hijama and is generally used for wet cupping rather than dry cupping in Muslim countries. It should be corrected accordingly.**  **I recommend minor revision for the manuscript. It might be accepted for publication after the suggested revisions.**  **Best regards** | Added to the limitations of the study.  Done in table 2.  Corrected in the manuscript. |

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