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Journal Name:	Advances in Research
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Title of the Manuscript:	A Phytotherapic Formulation for Allergic Rhinitis in Autistic Children
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# **PART 1:** Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	Needs rewriting by a native English speaker – almost every sentence needs grammatical corrections.	
	Line 160: explain how patients were assigned to groups A and B (randomly?); Were the physicians and parents blinded as to which group the children were in? Was the person conducting the microscope measurements blinded?	
	Line 255: explain the results of group B  Line 255-257: the sentence starting "It is therefore" is very unclear	
	Liine 258-259 – what fraction of patients used a higher dose? Did the placebo group also use a higher dose?	
	Add a discussion about how quickly there was a change in symptoms (1 week, 2 weeks, etc) if known.	
	Line 259: be more specific about side-effects  Lines 290-293 – very unclear	
	Line 296-297 - give a reference	

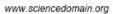
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Line 332-387 should be move to results  The abstract should state that this is a placebo-controlled study.	
All the figures should have scale bars showing the dimension of the figure.	
Add a section discussing limitations of the study.	
Add general comments that this therapy may be helpful for non-autistic individuals with allergic rhinitis	

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Minor REVISION comments	Line 49-62 – the discussion of flavonoids should have its own paragraph	
	Lines 101-114 – the health claims for lemon need references	
	Line 119-120 should be moved to the end of the intro, with a transition sentence.	
	Line 143-144 – the scale of 0-3 is unclear and needs more explanation of each number (0, 1, 2, 3)	
	Line 157 "cell phones" – typo?	
	Line 202: "ast cells" – should be "mast cells"	
	Table 1 – for number of cells observed, please clarify the volume or area examined	
	Table 3 – the before and after colors are too similar	
Optional/General comments	This is a very interesting study with very striking results, but it needs a total rewrite to correct the grammar, and clarification of study procedures and results.	
	Did the study receive approval from a human subjects board? Did the parents sign informed consents about the study including possibility of receiving a placebo?	

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