25 November 2013

Dear Sir/Madam

**RE: Complementary Therapy in Atopic Eczema: The Latest Systematic Reviews**

We attach our submission to your journal for consideration in the category of a CPD review.

The use of complementary and alternative medicines (CAM) is reported to have increased considerably in the past 13 years in South Africa (BMC Public Health in 2009). Accordingly, our paper aims to present South African practitioners with the current status of CAMs in atopic eczema (in terms of efficacy and safety).

We conducted a rigorous search of all systematic reviews published on this topic and have reported the results of these, highlighting findings from the most recent published systematic reviews of various commonly used complementary modalities for atopic eczema.

Based on the author guidelines, we have used the recommended symbols within the tables and footnotes to explain all non-standard abbreviations. However, we can provide a copy which does not include these if required, as we are uncertain if we interpreted the guidelines on this correctly.

Please note that I will be abroad from 7th-25th December and will only be able to address any queries after the 25th.

Yours sincerely,  
Ms Y Thandar