Re: A Traditional Iranian Medicine (Majoon-e Loboob) for Idiopathic Male Infertility: A Case Series

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Dear editor,

We thanks Ms. Soodabeh Bioos and her colleagues in presenting their case series entitled “A Traditional Iranian Medicine (Majoon-e Loboob) for Idiopathic Male Infertility: A Case Series”(1). The series highlighted Majoon-e Loboob, an Iranian traditional medicine, as a potential treatment in male infertility. The results are interesting, but some points should be more clarified for the better interpretation of the results.

It seems that Table 2 shows the result of first spermogram of the patients and Table 3 shows the results after the treatment with Majoon-e Loboob. However, the numbers of spermogram in Tables 2 and 3 are exactly the same except for two last columns.

It is stated that “unfortunately, after pregnancy of their wives, most of the patients did not repeat the spermogram test”; but this does not mean that “all patients” did not repeat the test. If so, repeating the numbers of Table 2 in Table 3 seems to be misleading, because it is supposed as result of post intervention spermogram.

Another important question is whether all of cases who had received Majoon-e Loboob in the study period are presented in the paper or just those who had come back for follow-up visit. The patients who do not come back for follow-up are at greater risk of negative response to the treatment. As a last note, among multiple compound drugs suggested in Iranian Traditional Medicine for male infertility with similar ingredients like the selected Majoon-e Loboob, formulations not applying “Skink” could be better options for scientific evaluation.

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