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Dear Editor:

It is my pleasure to submit my revised research article, "Dose Escalation of a Curcuminoid Formulation", for consideration in BMC Complementary and Alternative Medicine.

Curcumin is the major yellow pigment extracted from turmeric, a commonly-used spice in India and Southeast Asia that has broad anticarcinogenic and cancer chemopreventive potential. However, few systematic studies of curcumin's pharmacology and toxicology in humans have been performed. We report the first human single dose escalation study of a currently available curcuminoid product.

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The manuscript has been revised to address the following reviewer's comment.

Comment: Clarify the nature of the curcumin.

Response: The nature of the curcumin used in this study was standardized powdered extract. The manuscript has been revised to consistently use this description.

All authors read and approved the revised final manuscript.

We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you very much for the opportunity to create this manuscript for BMC Complementary and Alternative Medicine.

Sincerely yours,

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