

activity but direct evidence is to be generated by conducting various *in vivo* and *in vitro* experiments in animal models to find out the mechanism of action. Further, for that a proper experimental protocol has to be generated and experiments conducted to know the source, purity, effective dose and the results are to be compared with standard clinical drug, only then one can claim the efficacy of honey in RE. There is no harm to give honey for this condition but how much dose/quantity is to be given and for what duration?

### **Authors' response**

Sir,

we agree that honey has been used as a nutrient and medicine to cure a number of diseases by acting through various mechanisms and may be useful in treating RE because of non peroxide antibacterial

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