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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This is an interesting manuscript addressing the feasibility of hangebyakujutsutemmato (HBT) for the treatment of persistent postural-perceptual dizziness. High responders to Hangebyakujutsutemmato may have autonomic dysfunction, unstable balance, semicircular canal paresis, anxiety, and poor sleep quality. One of the important limitations on this study is the small sample size for their ambitious regression analysis and unexplained trigger to prescribe HBT. The authors need to address some minor points written below before publication. possible typo on P8, outcome measures HBT (non-HBT group) Did the authors prescribe HBT to the non-HBT group? possible typo in the year of statistical review 2012 maybe 2021?

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Manuscript Number: 74986 Title: Effects of Kampo medicine hangebyakujutsutemmato on persistent postural-perceptual dizziness: a retrospective pilot study Your manuscript described that Kampo medicine Hangebyakujutsutemmato (HBT) was effective as adjunctive therapy for persistent postural-perceptual dizziness (PPPD). To date, no potential therapies for PPPD have been approved, in this regard, this manuscript could be an important study to find a novel possibility to treat PPPD. The current study also mentioned that HBT responders had autonomic dysfunction, unstable balance, semicircular canal paresis, anxiety, and poor sleep quality. It is a reasonable result from the viewpoint of Kampo medicine. The mechanisms of the effects are also well described, and it is quite convincing as translational research between Western medicine and traditional medicine. I have a minor comment, as below. <Minor comment> 1. Line 21 on page 17, although the ratio of each herbal drug in HBT are described, I believe that the actual grams are more important than the ratio. I recommend considering it.