

Subject: PLoS ONE Decision [09-PONE-RA-14368R2]

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Dear Dr. Hemila,

Thank you very much for submitting your manuscript "Zinc Lozenges May Shorten the Duration of Colds: a Systematic Review" for review by PLoS ONE. After careful consideration, we have decided that your manuscript does not meet one or several of our criteria and must be rejected for publication.

Specifically:

Some of the reviewer comments and my own have not been accepted and my main worry remains the decision to carry out a systematic review with no co-reviewer.

Unfortunately, due to the concerns described above, we cannot accept a revised version of your manuscript. I am sorry that we cannot be more positive on this occasion, but hope that you appreciate the reasons for this decision.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tom Jefferson
Academic Editor, PLoS ONE
