

Table SI. Beliefs and perceptions of patients regarding acne treatment

	Strongly disagree n (%)	Disagree n (%)	Neither agree nor disagree n (%)	Agree n (%)	Strongly agree n (%)	I do not know n (%)	Mean ± SD ^a
Certain foods make acne more severe	72 (5.3)	272 (19.9)	332 (24.2)	401 (29.3)	170 (12.4)	123 (9.0)	3.26 ± 1.1
Stress makes acne more severe	17 (1.2)	84 (6.1)	154 (11.2)	511 (37.3)	561 (40.9)	43 (3.1)	4.34 ± 0.74
Cosmetics make acne more severe	42 (3.1)	199 (14.5)	347 (25.3)	437 (31.9)	215 (15.7)	130 (9.5)	3.47 ± 1.06
Acne is inherited	129 (9.4)	263 (19.2)	260 (19.0)	349 (25.5)	234 (17.1)	135 (9.9)	3.24 ± 1.27
Face washing will improve acne	19 (1.4)	157 (11.5)	340 (24.8)	536 (39.1)	254 (18.5)	64 (4.7)	3.65 ± 0.97
I'll purchase cosmetics preventing acne, if any	35 (2.6)	120 (8.8)	302 (22.0)	467 (34.1)	371 (27.1)	75 (5.5)	3.79 ± 1.04
Drugs for acne are harmful to health	50 (3.6)	278 (20.3)	378 (27.6)	345 (25.2)	143 (10.4)	176 (12.8)	3.21 ± 1.06
Oriental medicine improves acne	175 (12.8)	389 (28.4)	329 (24.0)	100 (7.3)	32 (2.3)	345 (25.2)	2.34 ± 0.79

^aMean and standard deviations (SD) were calculated using weight as follows: Strongly disagree: 1, Disagree: 2, Neither agree nor disagree: 3, Agree: 4, Strongly agree: 5.