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Revision (0)

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Mehdi Fathi: Reviewer | **Revision** (0) — 3 Feb 2021

Dear AE
thank you for sending this review o me.
I seems good written and review of literature is appropriae
Thanks.

REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (0) — 5 Feb 2021

Dear AE,
Methodology speaking, The exact method and inclusion & exclusion criteria are not clear.
Thanks.

REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (0) — 10 Feb 2021

Dear AE,
Thank you for inviting me to review this article. Recommend to the author to consider and

add below eleven references:

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Sincerely

REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision** (0) 10 Feb 2021

Dear EIC,

Based on reviewers' comments this submitted manuscript needs Minor revision (including references corrections).

Regards

REFEREE: EIC | **Revision** (0) 10 Feb 2021

Dear Author,

Your article is reviewed by the reviewers carefully. According to their comments, this document needs minor revision. Please follow their comments as requested.

Thanks.

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Revision (1)

Reply to Reviewers

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You can read the authors' responses to the reviewers' comments in the next page.

Acupuncture for Abdominal Pain

Reply to reviewers

Dear Editor,

Thank you for reviewing our manuscript "Efficacy of acupuncture in the treatment of chronic abdominal pain". Please see below our detailed reply to the reviewers.

1. *Reviewer 2: Methodology speaking, The exact method and inclusion & exclusion criteria are not clear.*

   Reply: Added wording to clarify.

2. *Reviewer 3: Recommend for considering below nine references.*

   Reply: We have added the references as requested.

Sincerely,

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Revision (1)

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REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision** (1) 4 Mar 2021

Dear EIC,
The author could correct the requested items, and now it is ready for publishing.
Regards

REFEREE: EIC | **Revision** (1) 4 Mar 2021

Dear Author,
The document is reviewed carefully by the reviewers. According to their comments and your revisions as requested, this manuscript is accepted.
Thanks.