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

Thank you for this interesting paper. however it will be of great interest to include a table of the Rome 4 criteria thank you

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## **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The present study reports a systematic review about the effects and mechanisms of Acupuncture and electroacupuncture in Functional Dyspepsia. Despite the limits, already described by the Authors, some interesting results seem to be correlated to the procedures. Comments are:

- As considered, dyspepsia is a multifactorial condition, which may be linked to different organs of epigastric district (oesophagus, stomach, gallbladder and pancreas); among these possible sources of dyspeptic symptoms only the stomach was considered by the Authors.
- In the Results, Study Selection section, some selected studies were only partially useful for the systematic review; a table resuming the aspects of each study may contribute to the clarity of text.
- The procedures seem to affect the levels of some gastrointestinal hormones, a more clear cause/effect relationship is advisable as well as an explanation about hormone selection
- A final open question needs to be clarified: are these procedures useful only for the symptoms or also for their possible causes?

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