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

Dear Editor, Thanks for the opportunity to revise this manuscript, which I read with keen interest. Eye acupuncture is a micro-needling therapy that was developed by Professor Peng Jingshan at the Liaoning University of Traditional Chinese Medicine. This manuscript investigate the effects of eye acupuncture needle retention and body acupuncture combined with routine rehabilitation on gait performance and plantar pressure in patients recovering from stroke. Overall, I found the manuscript well written and novel, The authors should be congratulated on their immense undertaking and interesting manuscript. The results will be informative to the readership. Some spelling errors need to be corrected. In addition, The contributions of each of the authors should be specified at the beginning of the manuscript. Author should explain his results in Discussion section, and unnecessary introduction should be deleted.

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

Thank you for allowing me to review the manuscript: "Effects of different acupuncture methods combined with routine rehabilitation on gait of stroke patients". The study is remarkable, for the number of included patients, the methodology, the large experience of the authors in stroke patients. The article is well written, and the methodology well explained and well conducted. Comments/suggestions: 1. Title and key words - well chosen. 2. Abstract, especially "Aims" need re-writing, it needs add more backgrounds. 3. Introduction contains the most important data to support the importance of the study. 4. Material and methods - the paragraphs are generally well structured and explained. 5. Results section is well and clearly presented with pertinent statistics. 6. Discussion paragraph could be improved to underline the strength of this study and the potential limitations, which would enhance readability and flow. 7. Good quality of the Figures and Tables. 8. References list requires revision (DOIs/PMIDs are not given).

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The authors studied the effects of eye acupuncture needle retention and body acupuncture combined with routine rehabilitation on gait performance and plantar pressure in patients recovering from stroke. In this study 32 stroke patients were studied. 16 were treated with eye acupuncture needle retention, and 16 was treated with body acupuncture. The authors found that The patients in the experimental group showed greater improvement in the following parameters than did the control group: step length, gait speed, step frequency, lower extremity joint angles, centre of gravity displacement, peak pressure values and impulse in the anterior and posterior regions of both the affected and healthy feet. In conclusion, the data presented suggest that eye acupuncture needle retention and body acupuncture combined with routine rehabilitation can effectively improve the gait performance of patients recovering from stroke. Between these two treatments, eye acupuncture needle retention combined with routine treatment is better than body acupuncture and can be considered a practical and effective treatment that can be performed in the clinic. The authors work in the field indicated. The manuscript needs language polishing.