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**Dear editor,**

Please find attached files of revised manuscript in word format

**Title:**Efficacy of acupuncture at ghost points combined with fluoxetine in treating depression: A randomized study

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First of all, thank you for your careful guidance of this article. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer:

06143474 Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Minor revision

It not only has adverse effects on physical and mental health, but also increases social and economic burden. While selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors, tricyclic antidepressants, and other Western medicine treatments have satisfactory clinical effectiveness, they also have significant side effects, such as dependency and withdrawal reactions. Acupuncture mainly stimulates the nerve-related signaling pathway by adjusting neurotransmitter redistribution via the integration of the central nervous system, thus facilitating brain function through self-regulation of the human body. This study explored the effect of acupuncture at ghost points combined with fluoxetine on clinical indicators of depression and resting-state functional magnetic resonance imaging parameters in patients with mild to moderate depression. The study is very well designed and the manuscript is well written. Some minor language

polishing should be revised.

06143450 Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Minor revision

This is an interesting study about the efficacy of acupuncture at ghost points combined with fluoxetine in treating depression. The manuscript is well written. Only the title can be changed to "Efficacy of acupuncture at ghost points combined with fluoxetine in treating depression: A randomized study". The tables requires an editing. No other spcific comments.

After receiving the comments,we read this article carefully. We have modified the article based on your opinion, add the background in the abstract and update the picture.

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**Sincerely Yours,**

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