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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

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.

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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 specific comments.