

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Scientific quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
Novelty of this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No novelty
Creativity or innovation of this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No creativity or innovation

Scientific significance of the conclusion in this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No scientific significance
Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
Re-review	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Peer-reviewer statements	Peer-Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous <input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
	Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This randomized study described how acupuncture influenced gastrointestinal motility recovery and provided pain relief effects after major abdominal surgery. The newly found that TEAS could provide pain relief effects but did not recover gastrointestinal function in adult patients undergoing abdominal surgery. It is a well-written article and is worth publishing. However, there are some minor concerns about this article. 1. The authors could describe the acupuncture points in the figures. 2. The core tips are short; the authors are required to explain the details of TEAS.

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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The paper can be accepted in current state

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear Authors, this is a well-written manuscript, presenting a real-life evaluation of transcutaneous electrical acupoint stimulation for the management of postoperative pain and gastrointestinal functional recovery in adult patients receiving a major abdominal surgery. Your research question may have important clinical implications and your data has unquestionably provided some impulse for further studies in the future. I have no questions or queries and wish you good luck in publishing your work. Best Regards