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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Stroke is a type of cerebrovascular disease with high prevalence, mortality, and onset of disability. It has become the second leading cause of death in human beings today. The occurrence of hemiplegic shoulder pain can easily affect the upper limb training, hinder the movements, and have a certain effect on the recovery of joint function, the daily living ability and the quality of life in the patients. It also causes harm to the mental health of patients resulting in the occurrence and aggravation of adverse psychological reactions such as depression and anxiety after a stroke. In particular, it is mainly used for central nervous system diseases or orthopedic diseases, movement disorders and pain rehabilitation. According to related studies, it is found that neuromuscular joint facilitation can also be used as a rehabilitation treatment in patients with hemiplegic shoulder pain. However, the research is still insufficient. In this study, the authors investigate the clinical efficacy of acupuncture combined with neuromuscular joint facilitation in patients with hemiplegic shoulder pain. The brief study is well designed. The diagnostic criteria, inclusion and exclusion criteria are very clear. And the results are very interesting. Comments: 1. Some very minor language polishing should be revised. 2. The data in tables are good, however, I suggest to combine the Table 1, table 2, table 4 and table 5 into one table. 3. References are updated and well discussed. The style of the references should be checked and updated according to the journal's style.

Answer: Thank you for your comments.

1. The authors proofed the manuscript again to revise the language polishing.
2. Tables were edited.
3. The references was edited according to the journal's guideline.

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This is an interesting brief study about the therapeutic efficacy of acupuncture combined with neuromuscular joint facilitation in the treatment of hemiplegic shoulder pain. As a neurodevelopmental therapy treatment, neuromuscular joint facilitation is widely used in the treatment of orthopedic and neurological disorders in the clinical practice. The present study combined acupuncture with neuromuscular joint facilitation technology to treat hemiplegic shoulder pain, so as to provide a new treatment method for this disease, which is used for promotion. The idea of this study is interesting, and I think it will be useful to the clinician in the treatment of neuromuscular joint facilitation. The design of the study is reasonable. About the 40 patients were included, the sample is enough. Results are brief, but interesting. I only suggest the authors to make proof before the final publication, according to the journal's guideline.

Answer: Thank you for your comments. The manuscript was revised according to the journal's guideline.