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This is a very useful review of the GI effects of acupuncture. The author has thoroughly identified the important papers in the field and helps the reader understand the breadth of the field. The manuscript should be published after English improvements.

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It is a very gratifying honor to have in charge the review of a work from an institution whose research is academically duly endorsed and authorized to a maximum scientific level framed within the objectives of the subject. Regarding the analysis of the mechanisms of action of Acupuncture at the gastro-intestinal level, the author has approached the subject with due depth and detail. It may also have been convenient to warn the fellow reader that both the skin and the CNS recognize the same common embryological origin: the ectoderm, generating cuti-visceral reflexes that further underpin the aforementioned investigations. Likewise, such an assertion explains in a natural and general way the marked influence of acupuncture and moxibustion treatments in practically all the processes involved in human physiology, leading them towards a holistic homeostatic regulation, product of the intricate interconnection between the meridian system and the established relationships between the different energy planes present in our body. Although the author abounds in presenting a detailed description of the neurophysiological mechanisms agonists, antagonists and receptors of the afferent and efferent pathways that make clear the physiological results of acupuncture therapy, a clear comparative parallelism among their findings and the intrinsic relationships between the different energy planes that Chinese Medicine involves within intestinal neurophysiology. Thus, we not only obtain the response of the relationship present in the Sheng Generative Cycle - where the Earth (Stomach + gastroenteric peristaltic pacemaker) is the “mother” of the Metal element (Large Intestine), but also the marriage that proposes the union of both viscera within the Yang Ming energy plane,

established by Chinese sages several thousand years ago. The rest of the work is a true "acupuncture neuro-physiology treatise" of remarkable value in light of the scientific details that Dr. Yu has included in it. We are then faced with a publication of reference to the current state of research that elucidates the mechanisms of action of Contemporary Acupuncture.

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The manuscript has been revised and the revised words have been highlighted.