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ACADEMIC CONTENT EVALUATION	LANGUAGE QUALITY EVALUATION	CONCLUSION
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication
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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejected	<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Poor		

JOURNAL EDITOR-IN-CHIEF (ASSOCIATE EDITOR) COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This manuscript investigates an interesting area of research and connects electroacupuncture to CRH expression and visceral hypersensitivity. Although the data appears to be strong, the presentation of results needs extensive editing. The results section does not provide a clear description of the types of changes observed - they are merely described as "significantly different". There is more description of the statistical tools used for analysis, rather than the changes observed. While it is good that the stats used for interpretation are described, this information may be better placed in the figure/table legend associated with the data. The inclusion of the stats in the Results so prominently makes the manuscript very dense and difficult to determine the precise comparisons that are being made. For example, the comparison between the EA with the EA-S is very important for interpretation of the findings, but is not consistently reported. This type of comparison is essential to determine the actual impact the EA has on the various readouts measured. The abstract also needs to be edited for brevity. Currently, it is too detailed and not an overall summary of the main findings. Additionally, the data in Table 1 and Figure 1 are the redundant, just different presentation. I think the presentation of the data in Figure 1 is more effective than the Table 1 format and would recommend the removal of this table.



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Response to Editor-in-Chief comments:

Dear Journal Editor-in-Chief,

Thank you for your pertinent comments to our manuscript. According to your guidance,

We have carefully revised abstract for brevity, it has become more refined.

We emphasize the logical relationship between each part experiment, significantly reduced the statistical analysis of the results, focusing on our experimental discovery.

We have removed duplicate descriptions (table 1).

Finally, thank you very much once again for your careful review.