Reviewer's report

Title: Acupuncture is a feasible treatment for post-thoracotomy pain: Results of a prospective pilot trial

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Reviewer: Deniz Karakaya

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General

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

I have some questions before making a final decision.

1- What is the meaning of "poor anagesia"? What is the chosen VAS value of "poor analgesia"?
2- How many patients received morphine or hydromorphone instead of fentanyl for epidural analgesia?
3- What is the meaning of uncontrolled pain in the postoperative period?
4- For how long fentanyl and bupivacaine infusion through the epidural catheter was given?

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No