Reviewer's report

Title: Corticosterone mediates electroacupuncture-produced anti-edema in a rat model of inflammation

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Reviewer: Peng Li

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General
This manuscript is interesting and did quite well. It is useful both for science and clinical application.

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

It can be accept with the following modifications:
1. Why the result of cortison measurement is in %? please explain.
2. Did you tested teh point specificit? Is it only effective for Du 30? Underneath this acupoint is sciatic nerve. Have you tried different acupoints that overlaid on other nerves, such as some superficial nerves?
3. How long does this EA effect last?

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, while the author can be trusted to correct)
1. How much blood do you draw fro the rate?
2. Did you connect the electrodes from left to right? The EA electrodes better connected on ipsilateral side, do not pass current through heart.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

no