Reviewer's report

Title: A complementary method to detect qi vacuity

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The reviewer is of the opinion that the manuscript is well written and the content warrants publication. However, there are some minor essential revisions that should be made:

1. Abstract: It should clearly be stated that it is the authors’ opinion that bio-energy can be measured by skin conductance.

2. Abstract: Please add numerical values (e.g. mean value of ARDK and a p-value for the significance).

3. Introduction: Please give name, city and country of the manufacturer of the ARDK device; also which model and which software was used so that the readers would be enabled to reproduce the measurements.

4. Materials and methods, subjects: Is "y/o" supposed to mean "years old"?

5. Materials and methods, study procedure and/or procedure of ARDK test: please check which of the given humidity values is correct - 45 or 55 %.

6. Discussion: please check the literature "Makhnev" - 1996 or 1997?

7. Figure 1: Please give the unit of the mean value of ARDK and explain additionally in the text what exactly you have measured. Same goes for Figure 2.

8. Figure 2: If possible please eliminate the negative values at both axes, this is somewhat confusing.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.