Reviewer's report

Title: Target disease-guided placebo control (TIGER) design --A Novel Method for Acupuncture Clinical Trials

Version: 1 Date: 21 August 2013

Reviewer: Taixiang Wu

Reviewer's report:

An interest idea. Technically, this idea could be used to avoid the psychological impact for those conditions could be affected by "placebo effect". But the key point is that how to perform the informed consent: the participants have to know the truth of the condition they are suffering and the study in detail, and their attending the study should be voluntarily. If this "goodwill cheat" is no problem, it's would be OK.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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