Reviewer's report

Title: Effectiveness of strengthened stimulation during acupuncture for the treatment of allergic rhinitis study protocol for a randomized controlled trial

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Comments to authors: The replies from the authors were very hard to follow since the numbering used in the last review was not followed by the authors. Many new changes were inserted and the numbers were modified to accommodate these changes as well as the comments from the last review. They should have been kept separate.

The pages were numbered from 1 to 24 again!

1. There was no justification for removing one author and adding 3 new ones at this stage. The summary of author contributions was too little to justify this change.

2. Page 1. Email addresses should be provided for all authors.

3. Paragraph 1, line 2. Replace [C_MMASS] by [C-MMASS].

4. Paragraph 1, line 10. Add an [s] to read [results].

5. Paragraph 3, line 3. Delete the date of approval and add the date the first patient was randomized.

6. Paragraph 5, line 10 and 18. What was the symbol after [acupoints] and after [that].

7. Paragraph 14, line 8. What is the symbol between [4] and [8]?

8. Paragraph 14, line 6. Rewrite the two [ ]s by [=] signs.


11. Paragraph 17, line 3. What is the symbol after [Medicine]?

12. Paragraph 20, Reference 19, line 1. Is [[J]] part of the title?