Reviewer's report

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I hope that the authors do understand that identifying a neuron activated with various inputs such as the stimulation of different acupoints does not qualify the single neuron to be sensitive to acupuncture. The cell need to be examined for its response to 30 min acupuncture (pick an acupoint that is most effective). Then after recover, the cell can be examined for level of convergence during activation of different sensory input and acupoints. Without this classification, the neurons examined could be irrelevant to the effects of acupuncture.

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I declare that I have no competing interests.