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Major Compulsory Revision- This manuscript presents a perspective on how acupuncture research designs should be considered in the "real world". It is not experimental or clinical research but more a position statement. It presents a different view of what constitutes "externally valid research" that is gaining popularity in the field of acupuncture research. It will need further editing for English expression. To this end I have attached suggested edits for English expression and clarity.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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

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