Reviewer's report

Title: Behavioral and biochemical effects of pharmacopuncture (ST 36 and ST 25) in obese rats

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Minor Essential Revisions

1. In the Results and discussion section, paragraph 1, line 8. To be accurate, there are a few, although not in high quality, published English literature on the contribution of pharacopuncture for the treatment of obesity.


[Lim CS, Park SK, Sun SH, Lee KH. Research on Korean Pharmacopuncture in South Korean since 2007. Journal of Pharmacopuncture. 2014;17(4): 15-21.] As far as I know, there are none yet on BVP (bee venom pharmacopuncture). Since using the term pharmacopuncture, which is quite broad in its meaning, interchangeably with BVP may cause confusion, it is advised to specify pharmacopuncture as bee venom pharmacopuncture specifically for this sentence.

2. In the Methods section, 9th paragraph, 1st sentence. I don't believe this is the right way to reference a company name. The name should be capitalized, and it should be written in its full form - which is Sigma-Aldrich. And please check the grammar and comma in 0.005 in the following sentence. (Was administered approximately 0.05ml per animal, which were unilaterlly injected subcutaneously on side right of the body.)

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I ave no competing interests.