Reviewer’s report
Title: Repeated electroacupuncture treatment attenuated hyperalgesia through suppression of spinal glial activation in chronic neuropathic pain rats

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The authors studied the effect of EA in chronic constrictive injury (CCI) rats by left sciatic nerve ligation. The results indicated that repeated EA treatment significantly relieved CCI-induced mechanical and thermal allodynia on bilateral sides, and downregulated astrocyte and microglia activation. Overall it is an interesting paper, while need further revision. Main comments:

1. Figure 2C: How to explain there are different tendency of Iba-1 in ipsilateral and contralateral sides?
2. Figure 4B: Sham (18), the "D" is missing.
3. Figure 6B: The signature of Y-axis is missing. Besides, it is better to provide the time course of GFAP expression in CCI group.
4. English writing need further proved and edit.
5. EA first inhibit microglia activation, and then inhibit astrocyte activation. While there is no difference between 6D and 18D in Iba-1 or GFAP activation. How to explain the switch of EA effect and mechanis?

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