Reviewer’s report

**Title:** The effect of Transcranial Direct Current Stimulation in addition to tinnitus Retraining Therapy for treatment of chronic tinnitus patients

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The manuscript is well-constructed and well written and valuable clinical trial, I hope your trail will be helpful for many patients who is suffering from tinnitus.

I ask some questions and suggest some comments.

1. **For Inclusion and Exclusion criteria, Is there no criteria for hearing threshold of patients?**

   The hearing level can affect the result including noise maker effect, can you validate this in analyzing process with multivariate analysis?

   Of course you categorized patients, described that in manuscript. Bur if patients’ hearing is too diverse it will be interfere concrete result.

2. **Why do you choose such tDCS mode? - right DLPFC (Brodmann area 9/46) and the cathode (negative electrode) placed on the left upper arm**

   - Describing the reason or evidence will be helpful for readers.

3. **For real double-blind placebo study, tDCS mode (real vs sham) should be entirely hidden for investigator.**

   Using 5-digit-code for deciding the mode is great idea, but more exhaustive control, table of random number will be created and supervised by third party.