Manuscript Submission Guidelines and Policies for Medical Acupuncture

Journal Information

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About the Journal

Medical Acupuncture is a journal with an international scope, focusing on the evolving specialty of medical acupuncture. The editor welcomes articles on all aspects of medical acupuncture, including research, education, clinical practice, technology, policy, ethics, law, schools of thought, history, and related disciplines.

Manuscript Types and Guidelines

All manuscripts must adhere to the Standards for Reporting Interventions in Controlled Trials of Acupuncture (STRICTA) 2010 requirements.

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References

Medical Acupuncture uses Mary Ann Liebert's Vancouver reference format. Please scroll down to the Reference and Citation Guidelines for details and examples, and a template.

Other

Manuscript Title

The STRICTA 2010 guidelines require that you identify the type of trial (i.e., “Acupuncture for Hiccups in the Elderly Adult: A Randomized Trial”; “Acupuncture Used to Stop Smoking: An Observational Trial.”)

Manuscript Text

In general, the text should be organized under the headings: Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion, and Conclusions. Refer to the detailed guidelines below.

Introduction

Refer to Table 2/2ab STRICTA 2010. Provide a brief background for the article, including the rationale and hypotheses for the study or observation. Do not present data from the current work.

Methods

The following should be taken into account:

1. Provide rationale for treatment, and the style of acupuncture used.
2. Supply needling details: unilateral/bilateral points employed.
3. Number of needles inserted; needle type (gauge, length, manufacturer [include city, state, and country]); insertion depth; responses elicited (Qi); and whether twirled counterclockwise or clockwise.
4. Electro stimulator device (type, model, manufacturer [include city, state, and country]); time; stimulation frequency; which leads are designated negative and positive and where placed.

5. State treatment regimen: number of treatments, frequency (treatments per week, etc.); interventions employed such as moxibustion, cupping, herbs, etc.; treatment duration; environment: music, lighting, aromatics, etc.

Describe the selection of subjects, including demographics and study design. Describe the location and dates of the study. Identify the procedures in sufficient detail so others may replicate the results. Provide references to established methods and new techniques, provide the rationale for their use and also describe their limitations. Authors submitting review articles should describe the methods used to locate, select, extract, and synthesize data.

The principal author must state that verbal or written consent was obtained from the patient(s) when appropriate. The principal author must state whether a human research committee granted approval for treating and obtaining data or employing protocols that involved human subjects.

Statistics

As necessary, describe statistical methods and provide appropriate indicators of error or uncertainty (e.g., 95% confidence intervals). Specify any statistical software used.

Your article must follow, as appropriate, the sequence below from the STRICTA 2010 guidelines.

Methodology

The italicized 1–6 below is information that must appear in the Methodology. This is found in Table 1 of STRICTA 2010.

1. Acupuncture rationale 1abc as appropriate
2. Details of needling 2(a) to 2(g)
3. Treatment regimen 3ab
4. Other components of treatment 4ab
5. Practitioner Background 5
6. Control or Comparator interventions 6ab

Use the STRICTA 2010 Table 2 to complete the Methodology section:

A. TRIAL DESIGN 3ab
B. PARTICIPANTS 4ab
C. INTERVENTIONS 5
D. OUTCOMES 6ab
E. SAMPLE SIZE 7ab

Use the STRICTA 2010 Table 2 to complete the Randomization section:

Randomization

A. Sequence generation 8ab
B. Allocation Concealment 9
C. Implementation 10
D. Blinding 11ab
E. Statistical methods 12ab

Results

Present results in a logical sequence. Do not duplicate data in the text and tables/figures. Use the STRICTA 2010 Table 2 to complete the Results section.
Discussion

Use the STRICTA 2010 Table 2 to complete the Discussion and Other Information sections. Note that we require a Conclusions section.

The discussion section should summarize the results and their implications. This section should also discuss the rationale of acupoints used such as mechanisms of action; clinical implications and usefulness; and benefit to the patient.

A. Limitations 20
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C. Interpretation 22

Conclusion(s)

Summarize the article's findings and their importance. This text may also give rise to questions, discuss ambiguous data, and recommend areas of further research.

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Many of the articles in our journal are singular case reports. It is obvious that some components of STRICTA may not be applicable to these articles. Nevertheless, we need to strive and maintain the quality of this journal. We urge you to plan your articles carefully and remember a single case is interesting, but not conclusive and subjected to much scrutiny especially by the Editor-in-Chief and the reviewers.

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Standard International Nomenclature for Meridians

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