

Corrigenda

Current Research and Clinical Applications:

A Clinical Snapshot of Acupuncture and IVF

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The following table accompanies Deare and Scott's 'Clinical Snapshot of Acupuncture and IVF' (AJACM;1(1):41-2). It was mistakenly left out of the issue and apologies are extended to the authors.

TABLE 1 Clinical tips: True acupuncture treatments for IVF

	Smith et al. ¹	Dieterle et al. ²	Westergaard et al. ³	Paulus et al. ⁴
Treatment	3 sessions: 1st: day 9 of stimulating injection; 2nd & 3rd: immediately before and after ET (Embryo transfer).	2 sessions: 1st 30 min after ET and 2nd 3 days later.	2 sessions for group 1 (Acu 1) both before and after ET. 3 sessions for group 2 (Acu 2).	25 min per treatment, both before and after ET.
TCM	As per Maciocia ⁵	Acupuncture as per TCM protocol. Not clear if TCM diagnosis was made	As per Paulus et al. ⁴ and TCM (TCM uncertain).	TCM principles, but not differentiated. As per Maciocia ⁵
Needle size	0.18 × 30 mm (bilaterally)	4 cm long (no other details)	Not specified	0.25 × 25 mm
Needle depth	Not specified	15–30 mm	Not specified	10–20 mm (depending on point)
Deqi	Yes	Yes, then rotated again at 15 min	Yes, then rotated again at 10 min	Yes, at start, then 10 min later
Points used	Based on Paulus et al. ⁴ (excluding LI4 & GV20) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st Tx: 6–14 points • 2nd Tx: 13 points • 3rd Tx: 10 points 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st Tx: 30 mins > ET; CV4, CV6, ST29, PC6, SP10, SP8 • Ear Points: Using seed; One side only; 'Shenmen (#55), Zigong (#58), Niefenmi (#22), Pizhixia (#33)' • 2nd Tx: 3 days later: L14, SP6, ST36, KI3, LR3 • Plus same ear points on opposite ear • Retained 2 days • Pressed twice daily for 10 min 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acu 1: Before ET: GV20, ST29, SP8, PC6, LR3; After ET: ST36, SP6, SP10, LI4 • Acu 2: As per Acu 1; 2 days later: GV20, CV3, ST29, SP10, SP6, ST36, LI4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st Tx: Before ET: PC6, SP8, LR3, GV20, ST29; Auricular points: 0.2 × 13 mm; No rotation; 'Shenmen (#55), Zhigong (#58), Neifenmi (#22), Naodian (#34)' • 2nd Tx: After ET: ST36, SP6, SP10, LI4; • 2 needles in each ear • Ear points changed to opposite sides after ET transfer
Retained	25 min each	30 min each	25 min each	25 min each

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