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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a well-written review on the role of acupuncture in anesthesia. The review cited several key research studies and giving a concise history of its evolution from a thing of pure tradition to a technique that can be used alongside modern medicine. Finally, it gave a very objective conclusion based upon sound evidence, stating that although acupuncture can never replace anesthetics, it still could be useful in reducing the amount of anesthetics and post-operative side effects.



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Please specify your objective. Influence your reader about your opinion whether you favor or not what you have written in your text. If you are giving information about acupuncture than it needs more intense research. Give some strong points whatever is your opinion. Editorial should have an introduction,body and conclusion please rephrase and make it more strong.



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The editorial presents the experience from acupuncture assisted anesthesia. The subject, being very controversial from point of view of medicine as explained by physiology the way it is understood in the Western world. Nevertheless, showing a completely new approach to anesthesia may help tackling problems that we still have problems dealing with, such as postoperative nausea and pain. Evolution is usually a combination of conservatism and innovative thinking. The editorial provides an open-minded account of the experience of acupuncture-assisted anesthesia balanced with skepticism. Nevertheless, the manuscript would improve if the theoretical background behind acupuncture would be described more thoroughly. The sentence "By 1980, 2 million surgeries ..." should either be omitted or explained more thoroughly. What kind of procedures? Is there any reference to support this? If the authors suggest that thoracic surgery could be done under acupuncture, this should be supported by more solid base than anecdotal descriptions. The second paragraph ("The first author of this editorial knows the current ...") gives the impression of self-imposed authority. Without questioning the experience of the author, I would avoid such statements. If I understand the authors correctly, acupuncture may be an adjunct that reduces peri- and postoperative pain and need for analgesics. This seems like a modest but yet important conclusion that should be explored in further studies.