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This month in the news..

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28/02/2011 - The transport of extremely low-frequency electrical signals through an acupuncture meridian compared to nonmeridian tissue.



Abstract Objectives: This study investigated the manner in which extremely low-frequency (ELF) electrical energy is transported through biologic tissues, focusing on the differences between an acupuncture meridian and nonmeridian tissues. **Design:** Using inserted needles as the electrodes, the energy transport properties of the Large Intestine (LI) meridian were compared to a control channel that had the same length as the meridian channel and comprised similar soft tissue.

Subjects: Twenty (20) participants were tested at the University of New Hampshire, Durham, with ages ranging from 22 to 60 years old. **Intervention:** A Gaussian pulse with spectral energy extending into the kilohertz range was launched using a low-impedance amplifier at the distal point on either the LI meridian or a nearby control channel. The signal launched was measured at the proximal point using a high-impedance instrumentation amplifier. The ground reference for both the launch and receiver locations was a needle inserted in the lower leg. After taking the Fast Fourier Transform, power spectral measurements were calculated, giving a single value representing power density of the measured potential in the 2-100-Hz range.

Results: A paired, two-sided signed rank test was performed. For the data pairs in this study, $p=0.035$, indicating that they are dissimilar with a statistical significance.

Conclusions: The ELF electric energy is transported somewhat more efficiently through the LI meridian compared to a nonmeridian control. The

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results were not dramatic, with some participants giving greater values on the control channel, but they were statistically significant.

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Upcoming Events Calendar for 2011

April 30—Classical 5 Element Acupuncture

Sydney - Gye Bennets When: 9am - 5pm, Where: The Intuitive Well - Bondi Junction

Contact: Gye Bennet on (02) 8084 1741 or courses@5element.com.au

This is a multi-day event ending on the 01/05

May 2—Ko Phagnan, Thailand - Meridian Circuit Systems

When: 10.00am - 1.00pm, Where: 112 Haad Tien

Contact: James Spears on 01 707-206-7473 or james.spears@ihsociety.com

This is a multi-day event ending on the 06/05

May 14—Classical 5 Element Acupuncture

Melbourne - Gye Bennets When: 9am - 5pm, Where: Endeavour College of Natural Medicine - City-

Contact: Gye Bennet on (02) 8084 1741 or courses@5element.com.au

This is a multi-day event ending on the 15/05

May 28—Classical 5 Element Acupuncture

Brisbane - Gye Bennets When: 9am - 5pm, Where: Latrobe Health Centre - Paddington

Contact: Gye Bennet on (02) 8084 1741 or courses@5element.com.au

This is a multi-day event ending on the 29/05