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3. Abstract

Lecture Title	Studies on the interstitial channel along meridians and the significance in acupuncture
<p style="text-align: center;">Weibo Zhang</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Institute of Acupuncture & Moxibustion, China Academy of Chinese Medical Sciences</p> <p>Meridians are a central concept in TCM theory. Previous studies have indicated the presence of long-range fluid flow within interstitial spaces, potentially associated with meridians. In our prior research, by injecting a small-molecule fluorescent substance with tissue affinity into low impedance points (LIPs) along meridians in the limbs of mini-pigs, we observed partial fluorescence trajectories along the meridians on the body surface. Anatomical examination revealed that the primary trajectory of migration lay within the deeper layers of interstitial tissue. To compare these deep trajectories with those of human meridians, in this study, pigs underwent injections a trace amount of fluorescein sodium(FS) into the LIPs and adjacent high-impedance points along 12 low-resistance meridian lines (one per leg). After injecting, excess anaesthetics were injected, and the limbs were frozen. Following removal and embedding of the frozen limbs, cross-sections were obtained using an electric bone saw. Bright-field and fluorescence images of the cross-sections were captured to observe the distribution characteristics of the fluorescence signals on the cross-sections. Images from consecutive cross-sections were used for three-dimensional reconstruction of the migration trajectory. The results revealed replicable trajectories on the cross-sections after FS injection at the LIPs in the limbs, showing 12 distinct migration trajectories. Except for the convergence of three yin meridians on the medial side of the forelimb towards the proximal end, the remaining channels remained independent and fixed in position. Partial mechanism of acupuncture can be understood very well through these interstitial channels.</p>	