Dear Editor

A gentleman (RH) of my acquaintance was unfortunate enough to be involved in a road traffic accident where he mistakenly pulled out in front of a Cherokee Jeep. The Jeep’s near-side struck RH’s car at a speed between 45 and 55 miles per hour.

RH was treated in the local hospital after various X-rays of his neck, chest and right shoulder. I saw him a week after his accident when he was troubled with intractable hiccups. From ten o’clock that morning he was having hiccups every two to three minutes which was extremely painful as he had severe bruising to his right lower rib cage. At six o’clock that evening I inserted needles into PC6 bilaterally and left the needles in situ for twenty minutes after ‘di qi’ sensation was felt. By twenty minutes the hiccups had gone and did not return. Both the patient and the acupuncturist were very happy. I enclose a picture of the car and driver for your information.

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Acupuncture for intractable hiccups

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