**A Petri Net Model of Internal Organs and Twelve Principal Meridians**

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（Abstract）

In this paper, we aim to construct a Petri net model of human internal organs and meridians. In the previous studies, we proposed a Petri net model for five viscera and six bowels including triple energizer and a combined model with Pericardium and Kidney Meridians. In this paper, we propose methods of constructing a combined Petri net model of five viscera…

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**1. Introducation**

Traditional Chinese medicine or oriental medicine has been widely applied in treating disease since ancient times. This is because its less secondary effect as well as its possible curing for ahead sick and incurable disease. Especially acupuncture and moxibustion therapy have spread rapidly since the time when acupuncture and moxibustion therapy were admitted by WHO in 1989 and 361 acupuncture points were standardized by WHO in 2006[[1]](#endnote-1). Therefore establishment of acupuncture and moxibustion treatment unified by new knowledge is required [1]. Till now, many studies have been done to clarify the mechanism of the human body and meridians…

**2. Five-Elements Theory and Petri Nets**

In this section, five-elements theory of traditional Chinese medicine and Petri Nets are introduced to …

**2.1 Five-elements theory**

According to ancient Chinese five-elements theory, the five elements, wood (木), fire (火), earth (土), metal (金) and water (水) are indispensable to the daily life of mankind. And in five-elements theory of traditional Chinese medicine, five viscera, liver (肝), heart (心), spleen (脾), lung (肺) and kidney (腎), are mapped to the five elements respectively. Liver flow Qi (気) through over the body free of all care, as a tree getting longer; Heart warm the body as fire; Spleen produce nutrients, as soil that produce all things; Lung take down Qi and Bodily Fluid (津液), as astringent action of the metal; Kidney pool Mind (精) and adjust the moisture of the body, as water that flows to the low place from on high…

**2.2 Petri Nets and Colored Petri Nets**

A Petri net is one of several mathematical modeling languages for the description of concurrent systems. A Petri net is a weighted directed bipartite graph and consists of two types of nodes, transitions (i.e. events that may occur, signified by bars) and places (i.e. conditions, signified by circles).

 Figure 1: The interrelationship of five viscera.

**3. A Petri Net Model with Twelve Principal Meridians**

In this section, we discuss how to construct a Petri net model of five viscera and…

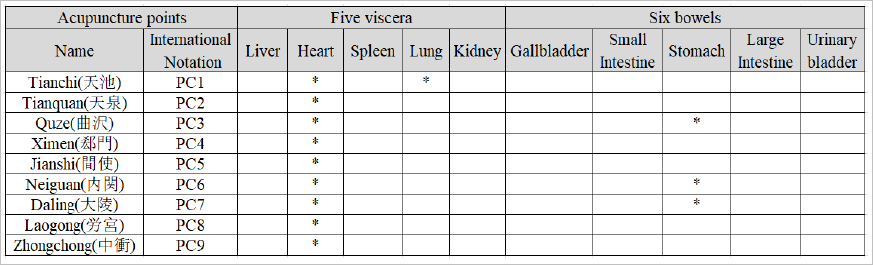
**3.1 Idea of Overall Model**

Till now, a Petri net model of five viscera and six bowels including triple energizer with only pericardium meridian has been constructed. However, it does not include all the twelve principal meridians. Therefore, a Petri net model of five viscera and six bowels with the twelve principal meridians need to be built. In the references, only one meridian is taken into account. In order to model all the meridians, it is necessary to have an interface which combines the twelve meridians with five viscera and six bowels. By stimulating multiple acupuncture points that belong to the twelve meridians, the values should be calculated and delivered to each viscus…

**3.2 The Twelve Principal Meridians**

To control all the acupuncture points easily, hierarchy for twelve principal meridians is created…

Table 1. Acupuncture points and internal organs.



**4. Simulation and Its results**

In this section, the simulation using our model is descripted and the results are discussed to …

**4.1 Report Files and Program**

The results of the simulation by using CPN Tools can be written into text files. By setting the output of log information in advance for each place or transition, the related file for each place or transition can be created. These files are called log files…

**4.2 Experimental Results**

Simulation has been done by using CPN Tools for the model. State value of each organ is defined in (0.5,5.5) that is divided into five domains which represent five states, weak, little weak, equilibrium, little strength and strength respectively…

**5. Conclusions**

We have proposed a method of constructing integrated Petri net models for five viscera and six bowels and twelve principal meridians based on affecting of the acupuncture points to the internal organ. Furthermore, …

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**Appendix**

**A.1 Margin**

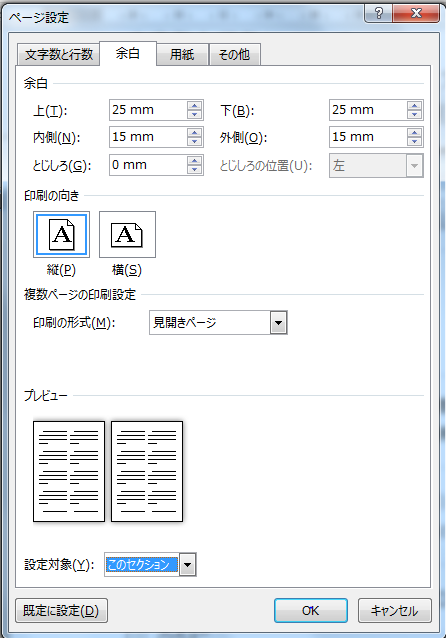
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Fig. A-1 Setting Margin

**A.2 Number of columns and lines**

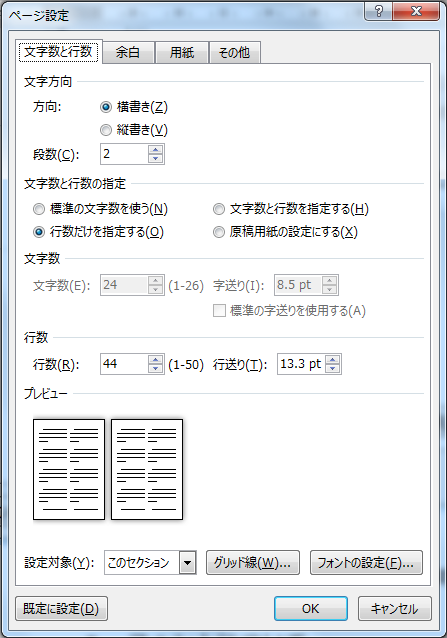
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Fig. A-2 Setting columns and lines

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