Manaka proposed that there is a subtle signaling system that operates in nature and which is involved in the development and functioning of the channel and qi systems. He suggested that this signaling system was the precursor for the more efficient and precise signaling systems of the nervous and endocrine systems. Manaka became known for his work with polarities: using north and south magnets, paired needles made of zinc and copper, silver and gold, and various devices he invented along the way such as ion pumping cords and electrostatic absorbers and a protocol for treating 1st and 2nd degree burns.