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SO THERE I sit with the good doctor, two small but heavy metal cylinders in hand, attached to output wires emanating from a small machine with an even smaller scientific biophysics display panel.

A not unpleasant, gently buzzing sensation tingles up my arms as I scrutinize his idiosyncratic study-clinic in Haifa and receive a very modern type of complementary therapy called bioresonance.

Both bioresonance and Dr Menahem Alcalay are neither your typical complementary therapy nor therapist.

For the 'therapist' is also a fully qualified and practising medical doctor who used to run three Clalit Health Fund clinics and is now involved in general medicine with a young population.

His technique, offered to one patient a day after work plus several on Friday, is based on electromagnetic physics with accretions from other complementary therapy disciplines.

I had always been something of a complementary medicine sceptic until our elder daughter benefited greatly from acupuncture. And indeed, Dr Alcalay incorporates the concept of the acupuncturist's "meridians" too.

So, after hearing from a cousin how much improved she felt from the treatment, my husband and I thought we



Dr Menahem Alcalay in his surgery in Haifa

Wired up in Haifa for treatment from 'Dr Bioresonance'

should give it a go for a variety of niggling ailments.

The doctor is particularly keen on treating auto-immune problems such as psoriasis, eczema, asthma, multiple sclerosis and even cancer.

He was drawn to the technique while working in South Africa a number of years ago. His mother came to visit from Haifa and needed some blood tests which he carried out for her. They came back clear.

A short time later, though, he was shocked when she was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and passed away soon afterwards.

After this painful period, Dr Alcalay tells me that he then thought to himself, "What use is all the medicine I have learnt?" and started to delve into various types of complementary therapies and alternative medicine.

It was while at a conference in Germany on disciplines and techniques that he came across bioresonance. There then followed a series of ongoing, intensive training sessions in Germany

Dr Alcalay has thus become possibly the only medically qualified bioresonance practitioner in Israel who combines an eclectic selection of complementary therapies with bioresonance and a solid background in conventional medicine.

What is the scientific foundation underlying the diagnosis and treatment involved in bioresonance?

A perusal of the www.regumed.de website advises that the underlying scientific principles are confirmed by the latest findings in biophysics and quantum mechanics - areas until recently disregarded by conventional medicine. It states that every cell emits an energy frequency made up of particles of light.

However, it does acknowledge that its bioresonance diagnosis and treatment