

Appendix A

Table 1. Search Strategy for database

Database: Ovid MEDLINE(R) In-Process & Other Non-Indexed Citations, Ovid MEDLINE(R) Daily and Ovid MEDLINE(R) <1946 to Present>

Search Strategy:

1 exp Acupuncture Analgesia/
2 exp Acupuncture/
3 acupuncture.mp.
4 1 OR 2 OR 3
5 chronic pain.mp.
6 exp Chronic Pain/
7 exp Chronic Disease/
8 5 OR 6 OR 7
9 4 AND 8

Database: Embase <1974 to 2016 June 28>

Search Strategy:

1 exp acupuncture analgesia/
2 acupuncture.mp.
3 exp acupuncture/
4 1 OR 2 OR 3
5 exp chronic pain/
6 chronic pain.mp.
7 5 OR 6
8 4 AND 7

Database: AMED (Allied and Complementary Medicine) <1985 to June 2016>

Search Strategy:

1 acupuncture.mp.
2 exp Acupuncture/
3 1 OR 2
4 exp Chronic disease/
5 chronic pain.mp.
6 4 OR 5
7 3 AND 6

Database: CINAHL

Search Strategy:

1 (MH "Acupuncture+")
2 (MH "Acupuncture Analgesia")
3 1 OR 2
4 (MH "Chronic Pain")
5 3 AND 4

Database: Cochrane Library

Search Strategy:

1 "acupuncture":ti,ab,kw
2 "acupuncture analgesia":ti,ab,kw

3 1 OR 2
4 "chronic pain":ti,ab,kw
5 3 AND 4

Database: Web of Science <1976 to July 2016>

Search Strategy:

1 acupuncture
2 *acupuncture*
3 1 OR 2
4 chronic pain
5 chronic *pain*
6 4 OR 5
7 3 AND 6