

Supplementary table 3 Type of intervention in treatment group and control group for cancer patients in RCTs published in Chinese

Intervention	Treatment group	%(/5834)	Control group	%(/5834)
Chinese herbal medicine				
herbal medicine	5087	87.20%	737	12.63%
proprietary herbal products	1368	23.45%	492	8.43%
reporting ingredients	1117	19.15%	407	6.98%
hospital prepared herbal medicine	391	6.70%	32	0.55%
reporting ingredients	404	6.92%	27	0.46%
decoction	3386	58.04%	237	4.06%
reporting ingredients	3152	54.03%	201	3.45%
individualized prescription	2934	50.29%	195	3.34%
reporting ingredients	2768	47.45%	166	2.85%
oral medication	3783	64.84%	437	7.49%
injection	827	14.18%	254	4.35%
external	638	10.94%	57	0.98%
infusion	93	1.59%	4	0.07%
foot bathing	45	0.77%	0	0.00%
nasal feeding	31	0.53%	2	0.03%
mouth rinsing	27	0.46%	3	0.05%
steaming and washing	23	0.39%	0	0.00%
intravaginal administration	3	0.05%	2	0.03%
aerosol inhalation	18	0.31%	0	0.00%
Acupoint stimulation				
acupoint stimulation	1219	20.89%	142	2.43%

reporting acupoint composition	1162	19.92%	78	1.34%
needling	306	5.25%	41	0.70%
moxibustion	267	4.58%	15	0.26%
acupoint sticking application	215	3.69%	22	0.38%
acupoint injection	203	3.48%	37	0.63%
acupressure	152	2.61%	7	0.12%
ear acupuncture	122	2.09%	5	0.09%
electronic acupuncture	94	1.61%	6	0.10%
point embedding therapy	25	0.43%	0	0.00%
laser or microwave stimulation	5	0.09%	4	0.07%
bee-sting therapy	4	0.07%	0	0.00%
cupping	2	0.03%	0	0.00%
acupoint nerve stimulation	2	0.03%	0	0.00%
sham acupuncture (control group)	0	0.00%	3	0.05%
Other TCM modalities				
Tuina (Chinese medical massage)	133	2.28%	11	0.19%
dietary therapy	131	2.25%	5	0.09%
TCM psychological intervention	44	0.75%	1	0.02%
qigong	31	0.53%	1	0.02%
TCM five element music therapy	21	0.36%	0	0.00%
Conventional treatment				
chemotherapy	2325	39.85%	2703	46.33%
conventional medicine or other routine treatment	1472	25.23%	3400	58.28%
radiotherapy	502	8.60%	299	5.13%
interventional oncology therapy	227	3.89%	219	3.75%
surgery	158	2.71%	159	2.73%