

Supplement 1. Excluded studies

Study identification (author, year)	Reasons for the exclusion
Baccetti 2014	Not single acupuncture
Baumelou 2011	Review
Bokmand 2013	Breast cancer survivors or patients
Borud 2009	Incomparable control group (usual care)
Borud 2010a	Incomparable control group (usual care)
Borud 2010b	Review
Borud 2010c	Review
Carlos 2016	Review
Chlu 2015	Review
Cho 2009	Review
Cohen 2003	Not enough information
De Luca 2011	Different type of sham acupuncture
Deng 2007	Breast cancer survivors or patients
Dodin 2013	Review
Ernst 2011	Review
Frisk 2008	Electroacupuncture
Hervik 2009	Breast cancer patients or patients
Kim 2010	Non-comparable control group
Lee 2009	Review
Nedeljkovic 2014	Not enough information
Sunay 2011	Inappropriate outcome assessment
Venzke 2010	Not enough information
Vincent 2007	Not enough information
Wyon 1995	Electroacupuncture
Wyon 2004	Electroacupuncture
Zhou 2011	Not single acupuncture