

Appendix 1: Search Strategy

Database	#	Search syntax
1) MEDLINE including Epubmed Ahead of Print, In- Process & Other Non- Indexed Citations (Ovid)	1	(neuropath* OR neuralgia* OR neurodynia* OR "nerve pain*" OR causalgia* OR sciatic* OR neurodystroph* OR polyneuropath* OR erythromelalgia* OR neurotoxic* OR peripheral OR paresthesia* OR hyperesthesia* OR dysesthesia* OR allodynia* OR paresis OR parases OR parapares* OR (neuro* OR nerve* OR sensor* OR sense* OR sensatio*) ADJ4 (disease* OR disorder* OR dystroph* OR toxic* OR impair* OR injur* OR loss)).mp
	2	"Peripheral Nervous System Diseases"/ OR exp "Neuralgia"/ OR exp "Neurotoxicity Syndromes"/ OR exp "Sensation Disorders"/ OR exp "Sensation"/ OR exp "Paresis"/
	3	(chemotherap* OR induced OR anticancer OR antitumor OR antitumour OR antineopla* OR anticarcin* OR anti-tubulin OR anti-cancer OR anti-tumor OR anti-tumour OR anti-neopla* OR anti-carcin* OR anti-tubulin OR abraxane OR taxane* OR paclitaxel OR docetaxel OR platinum OR cisplatin OR carboplatin OR oxaliplatin OR "vinca alkaloid*" OR vincristine OR vinblastine OR vinorelbine OR thalidomide OR lenalidomide OR paclitaxel OR pyrazine* OR taxoid* OR epothilone* OR bortezomib OR suramin OR alkylat* OR "proteasome inhibitor*" OR (drug* ADJ4 ("side effect*" OR adverse OR toxic* OR caus*))).mp
	4	"Chemically-Induced Disorders"/ OR exp "Drug-Related Side Effects and Adverse Reactions"/ OR exp "Chemotherapy, Adjuvant"/ OR exp "Antineoplastic Combined Chemotherapy Protocols"/ OR exp "Antineoplastic Agents"/ OR exp "Alkylating Agents"/ OR exp "Platinum"/ OR exp "Thalidomide"/ OR exp "Epothilones"/ OR exp "Boronic Acids"/ OR exp "Proteasome Inhibitors"/ OR exp "Pyrazines"/ OR exp "Taxoids"/ OR "Chemically Induced".fs OR Toxicity.fs
	5	(acupunctur* OR acupress* OR acupoint* OR electroacupunctur* OR "Zhen Jiu" OR ZhenJiu OR meridian* OR "Ching Lo" OR Chinglo OR "Jing Luo" OR Jingluo OR moxibustion* OR auriculotherapy OR TENS OR PENS OR ((transcutaneous OR percutaneous OR transdermal OR cutaneous) ADJ4 (stimulat* OR electrostimulat*))).mp
	6	exp "Acupuncture"/ OR exp "Acupuncture Therapy"/ OR exp "Acupressure"/ OR exp "Transcutaneous Electric Nerve Stimulation"/
	7	(1 or 2) and (3 or 4) and (5 or 6)
	8	7 and (randomized controlled trial.pt. or controlled clinical trial.pt. or randomi*ed.ab. or placebo.ab. or drug therapy.fs. or randomly.ab. or trial.ab. or groups.ab. not (exp animals/ not humans.sh.))
2) Embase	1	(neuropath* OR neuralgia* OR neurodynia* OR "nerve pain*" OR causalgia* OR sciatic* OR neurodystroph* OR polyneuropath* OR erythromelalgia* OR neurotoxic* OR peripheral OR paresthesia* OR hyperesthesia* OR dysesthesia* OR allodynia* OR paresis OR parases OR parapares* OR (neuro* OR nerve* OR sensor* OR sense* OR sensatio*) NEAR/3 (disease* OR disorder* OR dystroph* OR toxic* OR impair* OR injur* OR loss)):ti,ab,de
	2	"Neuropathy"/exp OR "toxicity and intoxication"/exp OR "Sensation Dysfunction"/exp OR "Sensation"/exp OR "Paresis"/exp
	3	(chemotherap* OR induced OR anticancer OR antitumor OR antitumour OR antineopla* OR anticarcin* OR anti-tubulin OR anti-cancer OR anti-tumor OR anti-tumour OR anti-neopla* OR anti-carcin* OR anti-tubulin OR abraxane OR taxane* OR paclitaxel OR docetaxel OR platinum OR cisplatin OR carboplatin OR oxaliplatin OR "vinca alkaloid*" OR vincristine OR vinblastine OR vinorelbine OR thalidomide OR lenalidomide OR paclitaxel OR pyrazine* OR taxoid* OR epothilone* OR bortezomib OR suramin OR alkylat* OR "proteasome inhibitor*" OR (drug* NEAR/3 ("side effect*" OR adverse OR toxic* OR caus*))).ti,ab,de
	4	"Chemically-Induced Disorder"/de OR exp "adverse drug reaction"/exp OR " adjuvant

		chemotherapy"/exp OR "Antineoplastic Agent"/exp OR "Alkylating Agent"/exp OR "Platinum"/exp OR "Thalidomide"/exp OR "Epothilone Derivative"/exp OR "Boronic Acid Derivative"/exp OR "Proteasome Inhibitor"/exp OR "Pyrazine Derivative"/exp OR "Taxoid"/exp OR 'drug toxicity':lnk
	5	(acupunctur* OR acupress* OR acupoint* OR electroacupunctur* OR "Zhen Jiu" OR ZhenJiu OR meridian* OR "Ching Lo" OR Chinglo OR "Jing Luo" OR Jingluo OR moxibustion* OR auriculotherapy OR TENS OR PENS OR ((transcutaneous OR percutaneous OR transdermal OR cutaneous) NEAR/3 (stimulat* OR electrostimulat*)):ti,ab,de
	6	'acupuncture'/exp OR 'transcutaneous nerve stimulation'/exp OR 'moxibustion'/exp
	7	(#1 OR #2) AND (#3 OR #4) AND (#5 OR #6) AND [embase]/lim
	8	7 and ('crossover procedure':de OR 'double-blind procedure':de OR 'randomized controlled trial':de OR 'single-blind procedure':de OR (random* OR factorial* OR crossover* OR cross NEXT/1 over* OR placebo* OR doubl* NEAR/1 blind* OR singl* NEAR/1 blind* OR assign* OR allocat* OR volunteer*):de,ab,ti)
3) Cochrane CENTRAL	1	(neuropath* OR neuralgia* OR neurodynia* OR "nerve pain*" OR causalgia* OR sciatic* OR neurodystroph* OR polyneuropath* OR erythromelalgia* OR neurotoxic* OR peripheral OR paresthesia* OR hyperethesia* OR dysethesia* OR allodynia* OR paresis OR parases OR parapares* OR (neuro* OR nerve* OR sensor* OR sense* OR sensatio*) NEAR/3 (disease* OR disorder* OR dystroph* OR toxic* OR impair* OR injur* OR loss)):ti,ab,kw
	2	MeSH descriptor: [Peripheral Nervous System Diseases] this term only
	3	MeSH descriptor: [Neuralgia] explode all trees
	4	MeSH descriptor: [Neurotoxicity Syndromes] explode all trees
	5	MeSH descriptor: [Sensation Disorders] explode all trees
	6	MeSH descriptor: [Sensation] explode all trees
	7	MeSH descriptor: [Paresis] explode all trees
	8	(chemotherap* OR induced OR anticancer OR antitumor OR antitumour OR antineopla* OR anticarcin* OR anti-tubulin OR anti-cancer OR anti-tumor OR anti-tumour OR anti-neopla* OR anti-carcin* OR anti-tubulin OR abraxane OR taxane* OR paclitaxel OR docetaxel OR platinum OR cisplatin OR carboplatin OR oxaliplatin OR "vinca alkaloid*" OR vincristine OR vinblastine OR vinorelbine OR thalidomide OR lenalidomide OR paclitaxel OR pyrazine* OR taxoid* OR epothilone* OR bortezomib OR suramin OR alkylat* OR "proteasome inhibitor*" OR (drug* NEAR/3 ("side effect*" OR adverse OR toxic* OR caus*)):ti,ab,kw
	9	MeSH descriptor: [Chemically-Induced Disorders] this term only
	10	MeSH descriptor: [Drug-Related Side Effects and Adverse Reactions] explode all trees
	11	MeSH descriptor: [Chemotherapy, Adjuvant] explode all trees
	12	MeSH descriptor: [Antineoplastic Combined Chemotherapy Protocols] explode all trees
	13	MeSH descriptor: [Antineoplastic Agents] explode all trees
	14	MeSH descriptor: [Alkylating Agents] explode all trees
	15	MeSH descriptor: [Platinum] explode all trees
	16	MeSH descriptor: [Thalidomide] explode all trees
	17	MeSH descriptor: [Epothilones] explode all trees
	18	MeSH descriptor: [Boronic Acids] explode all trees
	19	MeSH descriptor: [Proteasome Inhibitors] explode all trees
	20	MeSH descriptor: [Pyrazines] explode all trees

	21	MeSH descriptor: [Taxoids] explode all trees
	22	Any MeSH descriptor with qualifier(s): [Chemically induced - CI]
	23	Any MeSH descriptor with qualifier(s): [Toxicity - TO]
	24	(acupunctur* OR acupress* OR acupoint* OR electroacupunctur* OR "Zhen Jiu" OR ZhenJiu OR meridian* OR "Ching Lo" OR Chinglo OR "Jing Luo" OR Jingluo OR moxibustion* OR auriculotherapy OR TENS OR PENS OR ((transcutaneous OR percutaneous OR transdermal OR cutaneous) NEAR/3 (stimulat* OR electrostimulat*))) :ti,ab,kw
	25	MeSH descriptor: [Acupuncture] explode all trees
	26	MeSH descriptor: [Acupuncture Therapy] explode all trees
	27	MeSH descriptor: [Acupressure] explode all trees
	28	MeSH descriptor: [Transcutaneous Electric Nerve Stimulation] explode all trees
	29	(#1 or #2 or #3 or #4 or #5 or #6 or #7) and (#8 or #9 or #10 or #11 or #12 or #13 or #14 or #15 or #16 or #17 or #18 or #19 or #20 or #21 or #22 or 23) and (#24 or #25 or #26 or #27 or #28)
3) Scopus	1	TITLE-ABS-KEY (neuropath* OR neuralgia* OR neurodynia* OR "nerve pain*" OR causalgia* OR sciatic* OR neurodystroph* OR polyneuropath* OR erythromelalgia* OR neurotoxic* OR peripheral OR paresthesia* OR hyperesthesia* OR dysethesia* OR allodynia* OR paresis OR parases OR parapares* OR (neuro* OR nerve* OR sensor* OR sense* OR sensatio*) W/3 (disease* OR disorder* OR dystroph* OR toxic* OR impair* OR injur* OR loss))
	3	TITLE-ABS-KEY (chemotherap* OR induced OR anticancer OR antitumor OR antitumour OR antineopla* OR anticarcin* OR anti-tubulin OR anti-cancer OR anti-tumor OR anti-tumour OR anti-neopla* OR anti-carcin* OR anti-tubulin OR abraxane OR taxane* OR paclitaxel OR docetaxel OR platinum OR cisplatin OR carboplatin OR oxaliplatin OR "vinca alkaloid*" OR vincristine OR vinblastine OR vinorelbine OR thalidomide OR lenalidomide OR paclitaxel OR pyrazine* OR taxoid* OR epothilone* OR bortezomib OR suramin OR alkylat* OR "proteasome inhibitor*" OR (drug* W/3 ("side effect*" OR adverse OR toxic* OR caus*)))
	3	TITLE-ABS-KEY (acupunctur* OR acupress* OR acupoint* OR electroacupunctur* OR "Zhen Jiu" OR ZhenJiu OR meridian* OR "Ching Lo" OR Chinglo OR "Jing Luo" OR Jingluo OR moxibustion* OR auriculotherapy OR TENS OR PENS OR ((transcutaneous OR percutaneous OR transdermal OR cutaneous) W/3 (stimulat* OR electrostimulat*)))
	4	(TITLE-ABS-KEY (randomi*ed OR placebo OR randomly) OR TITLE (trial))
	5	#1 AND #2 AND #3 AND #4
5) ICTRP	1	Title= neuropath* OR neuralgia* OR neurodynia* OR nerve pain* OR causalgia* OR sciatic* OR neurodystroph* OR polyneuropath* OR erythromelalgia* OR neurotoxic* OR paresthesia* OR hyperesthesia* OR dysethesia* OR allodynia* OR pares* OR parapares* AND Conditions= chemoth* OR induced OR abraxane OR paclitaxel OR docetaxel OR cisplatin OR carboplatin OR oxaliplatin OR vincrist* OR vinblast* OR vinorelb* OR thalidom* OR lenalidom* OR paclitaxel OR pyrazine* OR taxoid* OR epothilon* OR bortezomib OR suramin OR alkylat* AND Interventions= acupunctur* OR acupress* OR acupoint* OR electroacupunctur* OR meridian* OR auriculotherapy OR TENS OR PENS OR ((transcutaneous OR percutaneous OR transdermal OR cutaneous) AND (stimulat* OR electrostimulat*))
6) CNKI		SU= (神經病變 + 神經痛 + 神經毒 + neuropathy + neuropathies + neuralgia + neuralgias + neurodynia + neurodynias + 'nerve pain' + causalgia + causalgias + sciatic + sciatics + neurodystrophy + neurodystrophies + polyneuropathy + polyneuropathies + erythromelalgia + erythromelalgias + neurotoxicity + neurotoxic + + neurotoxics + peripheral + paresthesia +

		paresthesias + hyperesthesia + hyperesthesias + dysethesia + dysethesias + allodynia + allodynias + paresis + pareses + parapares) AND SU=(針灸 + 針藥 + 針刺 + 電針 + 電刺 + 腹針 + 穴位 + 耳穴 + 耳針 + acupuncture + acupunctures + acupressure + acupressures + acupoint + acupoints + electroacupuncture + electroacupunctures + meridian + auriculotherapy) AND SU=(化療 + 化學治療 + 癌 + 腫瘤 + chemotherapy + chemptherapies + chemically + induced + cancer + cancers + tumor + tumors + tumour + tumours + neoplasm + neoplasms + induced + anticancer + antitumor + antitumour)
7) Wanfang Med Online		("神經病變" OR "神經痛" OR "神經毒") AND ("針灸" OR "針藥" OR "針刺" OR "電針" OR "電刺" OR "腹針" OR "穴位" OR "耳穴" OR "耳針") AND ("化療" OR "化學治療" OR "癌" OR "腫瘤")