Supplementary Table 1. Search strategy used in the PubMed database

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| **No.** | **Search item** |
| 1 | Neutropenia [MeSH term/ All fields] |
| 2 | white blood cell [MeSH term/ All fields] |
| 3 | leukocyte [MeSH term/ All fields] |
| 4 | leukopenia [MeSH term/ All fields] |
| 5 | leucopenia[MeSH term/ All fields] |
| 6 | Bone marrow suppression [MeSH term/ All fields] |
| 7 | 1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 4 OR 5 OR 6 |
| 8 | Breast cancer [MeSH term/ All fields]  |
| 9 | Breast cancer |
| 10 | 8 OR 9 |
| 11 | Acupuncture [MeSH term/ All fields] |
| 12 | Moxibustion [MeSH term/ All fields] |
| 12 | acupoint stimulation [MeSH term/ All fields] |
| 13 | Acup\* [MeSH term/ All fields] |
| 14 | 11 OR 12 OR 13  |
| 15 | 7 AND 10 AND 14 Filters: humans |

MeSH, Medical Subject Heading.