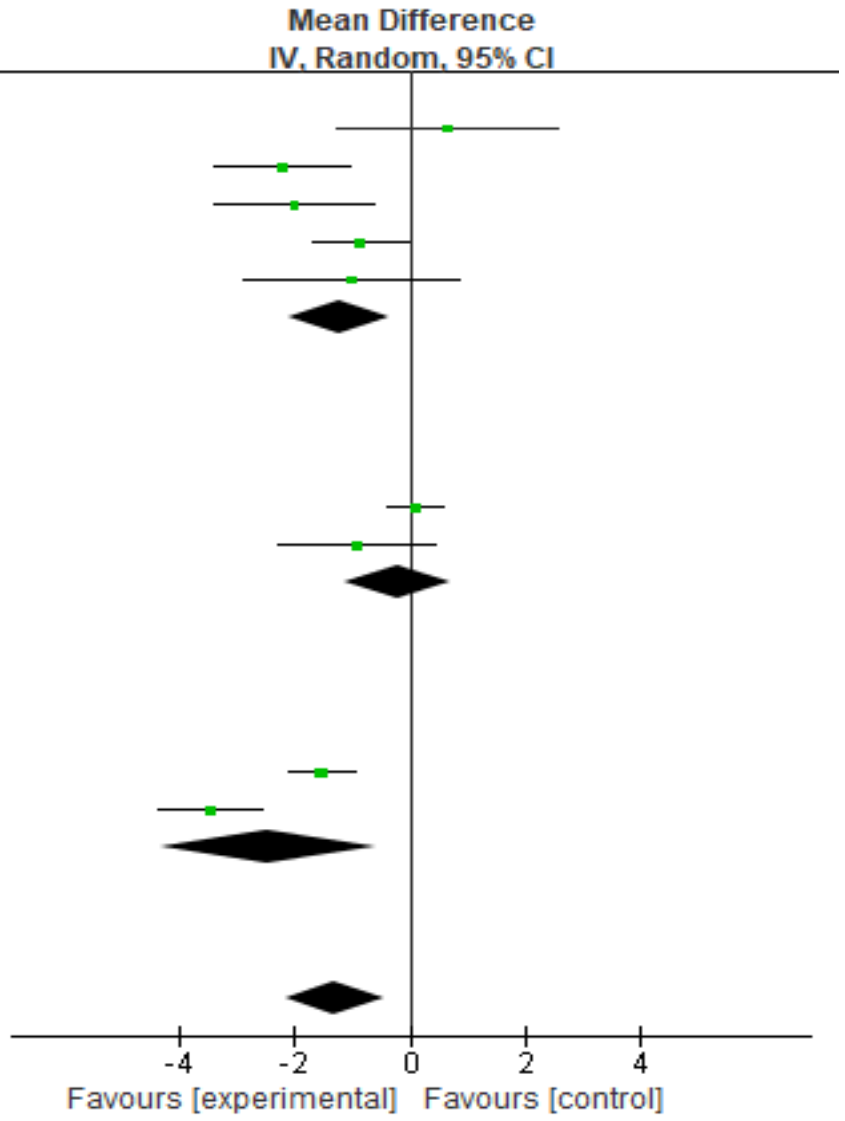
Study or Subgroup	Experimental Mean	Experimental SD	Experimental Total	Control Mean	Control SD	Control Total	Weight	Mean Difference IV, Random, 95% CI
2.4.2 EA VS Control								
Garcia 2008	5.1	5.42	38	4.45	2.54	40	8.4%	0.65 [-1.24, 2.54]
Long 2021	7.13	1.5	30	9.33	2.89	30	11.2%	-2.20 [-3.37, -1.03]
Ng 2013	6.5	2.2	55	8.5	4.8	55	10.3%	-2.00 [-3.40, -0.60]
Xue 2020	4.6	2.265	35	5.46	1.01	35	12.4%	-0.86 [-1.68, -0.04]
Zhang 2014	11	3	20	12	3	20	8.5%	-1.00 [-2.86, 0.86]
Subtotal (95% CI)			**178**			**180**	**50.8%**	**-1.21 [-2.08, -0.34]**
Heterogeneity: Tau² = 0.50; Chi² = 8.45, df = 4 (P = 0.08); I² = 53%								
Test for overall effect: Z = 2.72 (P = 0.007)								
2.4.3 TEAS VS Control								
Feng 2020	8.4	0.9	28	8.3	1	32	13.4%	0.10 [-0.38, 0.58]
Huang 2019	7.448	2.23	29	8.36	2.92	28	10.4%	-0.91 [-2.26, 0.44]
Subtotal (95% CI)			**57**			**60**	**23.8%**	**-0.20 [-1.11, 0.71]**
Heterogeneity: Tau² = 0.24; Chi² = 1.91, df = 1 (P = 0.17); I² = 48%								
Test for overall effect: Z = 0.43 (P = 0.66)								
2.4.4 MAX VS Control								
Ni 2021	11.21	1.27	42	12.74	1.38	42	13.2%	-1.53 [-2.10, -0.96]
Xu 2019	6.84	1.23	20	10.28	1.62	20	12.2%	-3.44 [-4.33, -2.55]
Subtotal (95% CI)			**62**			**62**	**25.4%**	**-2.45 [-4.32, -0.58]**
Heterogeneity: Tau² = 1.68; Chi² = 12.55, df = 1 (P = 0.0004); I² = 92%								
Test for overall effect: Z = 2.57 (P = 0.01)								
Total (95% CI)			**297**			**302**	**100.0%**	**-1.29 [-2.16, -0.42]**
Heterogeneity: Tau² = 1.40; Chi² = 61.20, df = 8 (P < 0.00001); I² = 87%								
Test for overall effect: Z = 2.92 (P = 0.004)								
Test for subgroup differences: Chi² = 5.41, df = 2 (P = 0.07), I² = 63.0%								



Supplementary figure 1： Forest plot of acupuncture and moxibustion therapy versus sham acupuncture therapy or usual care for postoperative 24h pain.