

Table 1 Search strategies in PubMed.	
ID	Query
#1	"Acupuncture"[Mesh]
#2	("Acupuncture"[Mesh]) OR (Pharmacopuncture[Title/Abstract])
#3	#1 OR #2
#4	"Drugs, Chinese Herbal"[Mesh]
#5	(((((("Drugs, Chinese Herbal"[Mesh]) OR (Chinese Drugs, Plant[Title/Abstract])) OR (Chinese Herbal Drugs)) OR (Chinese Herbal Drugs[Title/Abstract])) OR (Herbal Drugs, Chinese[Title/Abstract])) OR (Plant Extracts, Chinese[Title/Abstract])) OR (Chinese Plant Extracts[Title/Abstract])) OR (Extracts, Chinese Plant[Title/Abstract])
#6	#4 OR #5
#7	"Rhinitis, Allergic"[Mesh]
#8	((("Rhinitis, Allergic"[Mesh]) OR (Allergic Rhinitides[Title/Abstract])) OR (Rhinitides, Allergic[Title/Abstract])) OR (Allergic Rhinitis[Title/Abstract])
#9	randomized controlled trial[Publication Type] OR randomized[Title/Abstract] OR placebo[Title/Abstract]
#10	#7 OR #8
#11	#3 AND #6 AND #9 AND #10

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