

**Appendix 1 (as supplied by the authors):** The information of Asian databases and Journals searched.

Database	URL
<b>Korean Databases (13)</b>	
Korean Studies Information	<a href="http://kiss.kstudy.com/">http://kiss.kstudy.com/</a>
DBPIA	<a href="http://www.dbpia.co.kr/">http://www.dbpia.co.kr/</a>
Korea Institute of Science and Technology Information	<a href="http://society.kisti.re.kr/main.html">http://society.kisti.re.kr/main.html</a>
Research Information Centre for Health Database	<a href="http://www.richis.org/">http://www.richis.org/</a>
Korean Medical Database	<a href="http://kmbase.medic.or.kr/">http://kmbase.medic.or.kr/</a>
KoreaMed	<a href="http://www.koreamed.org/">http://www.koreamed.org/</a>
National Digital Library	<a href="http://www.dlibrary.go.kr/">http://www.dlibrary.go.kr/</a>
Korea Knowledge Portal	<a href="https://www.knowledge.go.kr/">https://www.knowledge.go.kr/</a>
The National Library of Korea	<a href="http://nl.go.kr/">http://nl.go.kr/</a>
Korean Library Information System Network	<a href="http://nl.go.kr/kolisnet/index.php">http://nl.go.kr/kolisnet/index.php</a>
Korean Traditional Knowledge Portal	<a href="http://www.koreantk.com/">http://www.koreantk.com/</a>
Research Information Service System	<a href="http://www.riss4u.net/">http://www.riss4u.net/</a>
Korean National Assembly Library (NDSL)	<a href="http://www.ndsl.kr/index.do">http://www.ndsl.kr/index.do</a>
<b>Chinese Medical Databases (4)</b>	
China Academic Journal	<a href="http://www.cnki.co.kr">www.cnki.co.kr</a>
China Doctor/Master Dissertation Full Text DB	
China Proceedings Conference Full Text DB	
China Core Newspapers Database	
<b>Japanese Databases (4)</b>	
Japan Science and Technology Agency	<a href="http://www.jstage.jst.go.jp/browse/">http://www.jstage.jst.go.jp/browse/</a>
Science Link Japan	<a href="http://sciencelinks.jp/">http://sciencelinks.jp/</a>
Journal @rchive	<a href="http://www.journalarchive.jst.go.jp/english/top_en.php">http://www.journalarchive.jst.go.jp/english/top_en.php</a>
National Institute of Informatics Scholarly and Academic Information Portal	<a href="http://ci.nii.ac.jp/">http://ci.nii.ac.jp/</a>
<b>Major Korean traditional medicine journals (12)</b>	
Journal of Meridian & Acupoint	
Journal of Korean Institute of Herbal Acupuncture	
Korean Journal of Oriental Internal Medicine	
Journal of Korean Oriental Medicine	
Korean Journal of Oriental Physiology and Pathology	
Journal of Oriental Rehabilitation Medicine	
Oriental Pharmacy and Experimental Medicine	
The Journal of Korea CHUNA Manual Medicin	
The Journal of Korean Acupuncture and Moxibustion Society	
Journal of Oriental Neuropsychiatry	
Journal of Sasang Constitutional Medicine	
The Korean Journal of Joongpoong	