

Appendix 3 (as supplied by the authors): Searched results of databases and their reason for exclusion

**Acupuncture for Functional Recovery after Stroke:
A Systematic Review of Sham-Controlled Randomized Clinical Trials**

No.	Search Result	Reason for exclusion
1	Dong Jun li, Xi Gang ming, Zhou Shao hua, et al. 32 patients of pseudobulbar palsy after stroke treating with acupuncture Lianquan point combined with Fengchi point. Chinese Journal of Practical Nervous Diseases. 2008;11(1):38-39.	Not compared with sham or placebo control
2	Na GH, Lee DH, Jeong YH, Kim HH, Ryu CR, Cho MR, Chae US. A case of a patient with cerebral infarction treated by Sa-Am's Ohaeng-acupuncture and Liuqi-acupuncture. The Korean Journal of Meridian and Acupoint. 2006;23(1): 137-145.	Case report
3	Hsing LC, Yeo JJ, Yu G, Seo ES, Jang IS. A case of subcortical aphasic stroke treated with speech-language therapy and Korean medical therapy. Korean Journal of Oriental Internal Medicine. 2005;26(3):733-740.	Not related to efficacy of acupuncture
4	Kim DM, Kim HK, Ha SY, Nam SS, Kim YS. A case report of communication disorder associated with post-stroke. Journal of Meridian and Acupoint. 2007;24(3):47-54.	Not related to efficacy of acupuncture
5	Kim HJ, Kim YK, Kim WS, Kang SY, Sim KJ, Yoon JW, Baek DG, Lee JD, Won JH, Lee SK. A case Report of One Patient with paralytic Strabismus Resulting from Pontine Hematoma During Puerperium. Korean Journal of Oriental Internal Medicine. 2004;25(3):640-647.	Not related to efficacy of acupuncture
6	Yi, JH. A case report of the poststroke seizure. The Journal of Korea CHUNA Manual Medicine for Spine and Nerves. 2006;1(1):27-33.	Not related to efficacy of acupuncture
7	Lim HS, Kim JB. A case report on the CVA patient with the sense disorder of equilibrium. Korean Journal of Oriental Physiology and pathology. 2003;17(5):1339-1342.	Not focus on functional recovery
8	Lee HE, Ahn TW. A case study on patient with diplopia caused by stroke. The Journal Thesis of Institute of Korean medicine in Daejeon University. 2007;16(1):199-206.	Not related to efficacy of acupuncture
9	Kim SJ, Jeong JA, Jeong SM, Roh YM, Jeon HR, Ann JJ, Jeon SY, Kim HC, Hong S. A Clinical Case Report of Gaze Palsy due to Thalamic Infarction. Korean Journal of Oriental Internal Medicine. 2006;27(2):533-537.	Not related to efficacy of acupuncture
10	Shin Ji, Kim MR, Seo UK, Jeong JC. A clinical report about the effect of Fumigating therapy on a acute stroke patient. Journal of Korean Oriental Medicine. 2001;22(4):158-163.	Not related to efficacy of acupuncture
11	Baek KM, Kim MJ, Lee HU, Lim SM, An JJ, Yoo HR, Jo HK, Kim YS, Seol IC. A clinical study of 3 cases of stroke patients with dysphagia treated by simultaneous scalp acupuncture and electroacupuncture. Korean Journal of Oriental Internal Medicine. 2007;28(3):632-644.	Not focus on functional recovery
12	WANG Min, LIU Ya-jing. A Clinical Study of 80 Patients on "Regulating Du And Ren Channel" Acupuncture Therapy of Urinary Incontinence After Apoplexy. Liaoning Journal of Traditional Chinese Medicine. 2009;36(2):273-274.	Compared two types of acupuncture
13	Park SJ, Lee JA, Lee SM, An HJ, Park SD. A clinical study of acupuncture and auricular acupuncture effect on insomnia. Journal of Oriental Neurology. 2001;12(2):135-146.	Compared two types of acupuncture
14	Sun JJ, Chung SY, Hwang JW, Kim SM, Jung JH, Choi CM, Jung WS, Moon SK, Cho KH, Kim YS. A clinical study of acupuncture with aromatherapy on poststroke depression patients. Korean Journal of Oriental Medicine. 2006;27(2):480-487.	Not related to efficacy of acupuncture
15	Jang KJ. A clinical study of admission type in CVA. The Journal of Korean Acupuncture and Moxibustion Society. 1999;16(4):137-147.	Not related to efficacy of acupuncture
16	Lee DY, Lee GM, Yeom SC, Kim DH, Kim DJ. A clinical study of bee venom acupuncture therapy on shoulder pain patients in stroke sequelae. The Journal of Korean Acupuncture and Moxibustion Society. 2006;23(4):69-80.	Pharmacopuncture
17	Kim JD, Kwon JN, Kim YG, Lee SH, Kim SH, Son YH, Kim JK. A Clinical Study of Korean Medical Treatment and Korean and Western Medical Treatment on Acute Ischemic Stroke Patients. Korean Journal of Oriental Medicine. 2007;28(4):168-175.	Not randomized controlled trial
18	Ha CH, Han SG, Cho MR, Ryu CR, Lee BR. A clinical study on 29 cases with Stroke treated by momom acupuncture therapy and scalp acupuncture. The Journal of Korean Acupuncture and Moxibustion Society. 2001;18(4):82-90.	Not randomized controlled trial
19	Sheng W, Kong M, Zhang R. A Clinical Study on Effect of Acupuncture and Drugs on SOD Activity/MDA Content in Patients of Ischemic Stroke. Journal of Henan University of Chinese Medicine. 2005;20(121):36-37.	Not compared with sham control
20	Son JH, Lee SH, Jung HC, Han SH, Nam Y. A clinical study on the improved dysphagia associated with ischemic stroke using acupuncture therapy(Yomchon CV23). The Journal of Clinical Thesis Korean Acupuncture and Moxibustion Society. 2003;71-77.	Not focus on functional recovery
21	Kim YS, Hong JW, Jung WS, Na BJ, Park SU, Moon SK, Park JM, Ko CN, Cho KH, Bae HS. A Comparative Study of Motor Recovery from Stroke between High and Low Frequency Electrical Acupoint Stimulation. Journal of Korean Oriental Medicine. 2007;28(3):289-298.	Compared two types of acupuncture

22	Ye TS, Zhu BL, Han Z, Guo XR, Xie WX, Chen Y, Dong HX, Zheng RX. A control study of magnetic resonance diffusion weighted imaging of patients with acute cerebral infarction and early intervention with resuscitating and scalp acupuncture therapies. <i>Chin J TCM WM Crit Care</i> . 2008;15(2):95-97.	Complex therapy
23	Li G, Jack CR Jr, Yang ES. A fMRI study of somatosensory-implicated acupuncture points in stable somatosensory stroke patients. <i>J Magn Reson Imaging</i> . 2006;24(5):1018-1024.	Not randomized controlled trial
24	Bae EJ, Hong KE, Lee H, Lee BR, Yim YK, Kim YJ. fMRI study on the cerebral activity induced by electro-acupuncture on Fenglong(ST40). <i>The Journal of Korean Acupuncture and Moxibustion Society</i> . 2003;20(5):208-226.	Uncontrolled trial
25	Kang JH, Lee H, Lee BR, Hong KE, Yim YK, Kim YJ. A fMRI study on the cerebral activity induced by electro-acupuncture on K7(Fuliu). <i>The Journal of Korean Acupuncture and Moxibustion Society</i> . 2003;20(4):66-84.	Uncontrolled trial
26	Hong KE, Lee BR, Lee H, Yim YK, Kim YJ. fMRI study on the cerebral activity induced by electro-acupuncture on Sanyinjiao(SP6). <i>The Journal of Korean Acupuncture and Moxibustion Society</i> . 2003;20(3):86-103.	Uncontrolled trial
27	Kim JH, Lee H, Lim YK, Hong KE, Lee BR, Kim YJ. A fMRI study on the cerebral activity induced by electro-acupuncture on SP9(Yinlingquan). <i>The Journal of Korean Acupuncture and Moxibustion Society</i> . 2003;20(4):114-133.	Uncontrolled trial
28	Ha CH, Lee H, Lim YK, Hong KE, Lee BR, Kim YJ. A fMRI study on the cerebral activity induced by electro-acupuncture on Taichong(Liv3). <i>The Journal of Korean Acupuncture and Moxibustion Society</i> . 2003;20(5):187-207.	Uncontrolled trial
29	Park KY, Lee BR, Lee H, Yim YK, Hong KE, Kim YJ. fMRI study on the cerebral activity induced by electro-acupuncture on Taixi(K3). <i>The Journal of Korean Acupuncture and Moxibustion Society</i> . 2003;20(3):194-208.	Uncontrolled trial
30	Kim YI, Kim YH, Lim YK, Lee H, Lee BR, Kim YJ. A fMRI study on the cerebral activity induced by electro-acupuncture on Zusanli(ST36). <i>The Journal of Korean Acupuncture and Moxibustion Society</i> . 2003;20(5):133-150.	Uncontrolled trial
31	Lee JT, Yim YK. A Literature Study on the Application of Sa-am Acupuncture for the Treatment of Stroke. <i>The Journal of Korean Acupuncture and Moxibustion Society</i> . 2006;23(5):115-125.	Not clinical trial
32	Yang ZX, Bian JL, Xu JF, Shen PFi, Xiong J, Guo JK, Zhang ZL, Li J, Shi XM. A Multi-center Randomized Controlled Trial on Acupuncture for Patients with Convalescent Cerebral Infarction. <i>Shanghai Journal of Traditional Chinese Medicine</i> . 2008;42(11):33-36.	Compared two types of acupuncture
33	Yu YT, Yang YH. A New Facilitation Technique; Electric Nerve Trunk Stimulation for Treating Hemiplegic Acroparalysis. <i>Chin J Rehabilitation</i> . 1994;9(3):119-121.	Compared two types of acupuncture
34	Kjendahl A, Sällström S, Osten PE, Stanghelle JK, Borchgrevink CF. Acupuncture in the treatment of stroke patients in the subacute stage; A randomized, controlled study- <i>Clin Rehabil</i> . 1997;11(3):192-200.	Not compared with sham control
35	Xie R, Wang D, Wang X. A prospective clinical case-controlled study of electro-acupuncture treatment in patients with acute stroke. <i>Chin J Geriatric Care</i> . 2004;2(1):7-11.	Included
36	Jin SH, Lim S, Park HJ, Lee SK. A Qualitative Meta-analysis on Oriental Medicine Clinical Research for Stroke. <i>Journal of Korean Oriental Medicine</i> . 2003;24(2):47-58.	Not clinical trial
37	Zeng X, Liu M, Wu B, Zhang S, Rao P, Wu J, Wen T, Li L, Liu J, Liu F, Wu X, Yang Y. A randomized controlled trial of acupuncture for acute ischemic stroke; a pilot study. <i>Chin J Neurol</i> . 2003;36(4):247-251.	Not compared with sham control
38	Rao P, Zhou L, Mao M, Bai Y, Wen T, Tang Y, Guo W. A randomized controlled trial of acupuncture treatment of acute ischemic stroke. <i>Chinese Acupuncture and Moxibustion</i> . 2006;26(10):694-696.	Not compared with sham control
39	Hu H, Chung C, Liu T, Chen R, Chen C, Chou P, Huang W, Lin J, Tsuei J. A randomized controlled trial on the treatment for acute partial ischemic stroke with acupuncture. <i>Neuroepidemiology</i> . 1993;12:106-113.	Not compared with sham control
40	Choe YT, Kang SK. A Study of Effective Acupuncture points on the Cerebrovascular Accident. <i>Hwangje Medical Journal</i> . 1978;3(4):1-15.	Not clinical trial
41	Kim DH, Kim CH. A study on cooperative treatment with both the western and oriental medical department in CVA patients. <i>The Journal of Korean Society of Physical Therapy</i> . 2004;16(3):467-482.	Not related to efficacy of acupuncture
42	Jung TY, Choi SH, Kim KW, Lee YK, Lim SC, Lee KM, Seo JC. A Study on SNP of IL10 in Cerebral Infarction Patients. <i>The Journal of Korean Acupuncture and Moxibustion Society</i> . 2006;23(2):173-179.	Not randomized controlled trial
43	Yoon BH, Kim KS. A study on the moxibustion applied clinically to hemiplegia on stroke. <i>The Journal of Korean Acupuncture and Moxibustion Society</i> . 1997;14(1):165-178.	Not related to efficacy of acupuncture
44	Yang CY, Shin YI, Joo MC, Kil EY. A Survey on the Use of Oriental Medicine and Complementary & Alternative Medicine in the Stroke Patients of Korea. <i>The Journal of Wonkwang Medical Science</i> . 2004;19(2):311-322.	Not clinical trial
45	Prady SL, Richmond SJ, Morton VM, Macpherson H. A systematic evaluation of the impact of STRICTA and CONSORT recommendations on quality of reporting for acupuncture trials. <i>PLoS One</i> . 2008;3(2):e1577.	Not related to stroke
46	Ernst E, Lee MS. A trial design that generates only "positive" results. <i>J Postgrad Med</i> . 2008;54(3):214-216.	Not related to stroke
47	Cheng Y, Tang QS. Abdominal acupuncture in treating liver-qi stagnation and spleen deficiency in the elderly with post-stroke depression; A randomized and controlled observation. <i>Journal of Clinical Rehabilitative Tissue Engineering Research</i> . 2007;11(39):7791-7794.	Not compared with sham control

48	Yang HY, Liu TY, Wang YH, Ying SG, Zheng CY, Kuai L, Gao M. Acupoint electrogymnastics therapy for treatment of apoplectic hemiplegia; a multicenter randomized control study. <i>Chinese Acupuncture and Moxibustion</i> . 2008;28(9):635-638.	Compared two types of acupuncture
49	Yang H, Liu T, Kuai L, et al. Acupoint electrogymnastics therapy in stroke hemiplegia. <i>Neural Regeneration Research</i> . 2008;3(10):1145-1151.	Compared two types of acupuncture
50	Abildgaard U. Acupuncture against stroke?. <i>Tidsskr Nor Laegeforen</i> . 1995;115(23):2877.	Not clinical trial
51	Xie HL, Cao XM, Huang SH, Liao CF. Acupuncture and Cupping for Treatment of Hiccup in Cases of Cerebrovascular Accident. <i>Journal of Traditional Chinese Medicine</i> . 2006;26(3):175-176.	Complex therapy
52	Liu KJ, Li JY, Cao SP. Acupuncture and Rehabilitation Manipulation in Treating 43 Patients with Semiluxation of Shoulder after Stroke. <i>Chinese Journal of Integrated Traditional and Western Medicine</i> . 2003;23(2):137-138.	Not randomized controlled trial
53	Shifflett SC. Acupuncture and stroke rehabilitation. <i>Stroke</i> . 2001;32(8):1934-1936.	Not clinical trial
54	Johansson B, Hajer E, Arbin M, Britton M, Langstrom G, Terent A, Ursing D, Asplund K. Acupuncture and Transcutaneous Nerve Stimulation in Stroke Rehabilitation; a randomized, controlled trial. <i>Stroke</i> . 2001;32:707-713.	Not compared with sham control
55	Lee HS, Park HJ, Park JB, Kim MJ, Hong MS, Yang JS, Choi SM, Lee HJ. Acupuncture application for neurological disorders. <i>Neurological research</i> . 2007;29(Suppl 1):S49-54.	Not clinical trial
56	Fan L, Zhu XP, Meng CR, Wen X. Acupuncture applied on the deltoid muscle and musculus triceps brachii for upper limb muscle spasm in patients with cerebral infarction: Comparison with the acupunctre at yang channel point. <i>Chinese Journal of Clinical Rehabilitation</i> . 2005;9(25):129-131.	Compared two types of acupuncture
57	Ernst E, White AR. Acupuncture as an adjuvant therapy in stroke rehabilitation?. <i>Wien Med Wochenschr</i> . 1996;146(21-22):556-558.	Not clinical trial
58	Luo WP, Huang HY, Zhu JY. Acupuncture Combined with Language Training for Treatment of Motor Aphasia Caused by Ischemic Apoplexy. <i>World journal of acupuncture-moxibustion</i> . 2008;18(4):9-16.	Complex therapy
59	Fink M, Rollnik JD, Bijak M, Borstadt C, Dauper J, Guerguelcheva V et al. Acupuncture does not help spasticity following stroke. <i>Acupuncture in Medicine</i> . 2004;22(4):224.	Not clinical trial
60	Zhang SH, Liu M, Asplund K, Li L. Acupuncture for acute stroke. <i>Cochrane Database Syst Rev</i> . 2005;(2):CD003317.	Not clinical trial
61	Xie Y, Wang L, He J, Wu T. Acupuncture for dysphagia in acute stroke. <i>Cochrane Database Syst Rev</i> . 2008;(3):CD006076.	Not clinical trial
62	Seki T, Iwasaki K, Arai H. Acupuncture for dysphagia in poststroke patients; a videofluoroscopic study. <i>J Am Geriatr Soc</i> . 2005;53(6):1083-4.	Not compared with sham control
63	Ma Q, Zhao J, Zheng W, Tain G, Wei G. Acupuncture for restoring consciousness and inducing resuscitation in treating disturbance of consciousness due to acute stroke. <i>Chinese Journal of Clinical Rehabilitation</i> . 2006;10(11):142-143.	Not compared with sham control
64	Wu HM, Tang JL, Lin XP, Lau J, Leung PC, Woo J, Li YP. Acupuncture for stroke rehabilitation. <i>Cochrane Database Syst Rev</i> . 2006;3:CD004131.	Not clinical trial
65	Park J, White AR, James MA, et al. Acupuncture for subacute stroke rehabilitation: a Sham-controlled, subject- and assessor-blind, randomized trial. <i>Arch Intern Med</i> . 26 2005;165(17):2026-2031.	Included
66	Wayne PM, Krebs DE, Macklin EA, et al. Acupuncture for upper-extremity rehabilitation in chronic stroke: a randomized sham-controlled study. <i>Arch Phys Med Rehabil</i> . 2005;86(12):2248-2255.	Included
67	Rabinstein AA, Shulman LM. Acupuncture in clinical neurology. <i>Neurologist</i> . 2003;9(3):137-48.	Not clinical trial
68	Hopwood V. Acupuncture in stroke recovery: a literature review. <i>Complementary Therapies in Medicine</i> . 1996;4(4):258-263.	Not clinical trial
69	Johansson BB. Acupuncture in stroke rehabilitation. <i>Acupuncture in Medicine</i> . 1995;13(2):81-84.	Not compared with sham control
70	Naeser MA, Alexander MP, Stiassny-Eder D, Lannin LN, Bachman D. Acupuncture in the treatment of hand paresis in chronic and acute stroke patients; improvement observed in all cases. <i>Clinical Rehabilitation</i> . 1994;8(2):127-141.	Not compared with sham control
71	Sällström S, Kjendahl A, Osten PE, Stanghelle JK, Borchgrevink CF. Acupuncture in the treatment of stroke patients in the subacute stage; a randomized, controlled study. <i>Complementary Therapies in Medicine</i> . 1996;4:193-197.	Not compared with sham control
72	Liang FR, Tang Y. Acupuncture in treatment of cerebrosis: advances in clinical research over 20 years. <i>Journal of Chinese Intergrative Medicine</i> . 2008;6(6):561-564.	Not clinical trial
73	Moffet HH. Acupuncture may be ineffective for stroke. <i>Arch Intern Med</i> . 2006;166(8):930.	Not clinical trial
74	Li WJ, wang YH. Acupuncture plus exercise in the treatment of sequelae of cerebral vascular accidents. <i>International Journal of Clinical Acupuncture</i> . 1997;8(3):291-292.	Uncontrolled trial
75	Wang T, Liu CZ, Yu JC, Han JX, Jiang W. Acupuncture protected cerebral multi-infarction rats from memory impairment by regulating the expression of apoptosis related genes Bcl-2 and Bax in hippocampus. <i>Physiology and Behavior</i> . 2009;96(1):155-161.	Animal study
76	Hong MS. Acupuncture Shows No Benefit Over Sham Treatment for Stroke Rehabilitation. <i>Journal of Clinical Outcomes Management</i> . 2005;12(1):607-608.	Not clinical trial
77	Jeun SS, Kim JS, Kim BS, Park SD. Acupuncture Stimulation for Motor Cortex Activities: A 3T fMRI Study. <i>The American Journal of Chinese Medicine</i> . 2005;33(4):573-578.	Not related to stroke
78	Liu SY, Wei TS, Liu PT, Chang YJ, Hsieh CL, Li TC. Acupuncture stimulation improves balance function in stroke patients: A single-blinded cotrolled, randomized study. <i>American Journal of Chinese Medicine</i> . 2009;37(3):483-494.	Not compared with sham control

79	Xie QF, Wang JH, Zou YH, Wang XZ. Acupuncture therapy at three different time for motor function and activity of daily life in patients with acute cerebral infarction. <i>Chinese Journal of Clinical Rehabilitation</i> . 2005;9(17):128-129.	Compared two types of acupuncture
80	XU Hong, SUN Hua. Acupuncture Therapy for Ischemic Stroke in Model of Rats. <i>Chinese Journal of Rehabilitation Theory and Practice</i> . 2009;15(3):214-215.	Animal study
81	Sällström S, Kjendahl A, Osten PE, Stanghelle JK, Borchgrevink CF. Acupuncture therapy in stroke during the subacute phase. A randomized controlled trial. <i>Tidsskr Nor Laegeforen</i> . 1995;115(23):2884-2887.	Not compared with sham control
82	Johansson K, Lindgren I, Widner H, Johansson B, Wiklund I. Acupuncture therapy in stroke. Patients experience significant improvement. <i>Lakartidningen</i> . 1993;90(30-31):2597-2600.	Not compared with sham control
83	Cho KH, Jung WS, Park SU, Moon SK, Ko CN. Acupuncture Therapy on Stroke Rehabilitation in Korea. <i>Japanese Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine</i> . 2004;41(12):841-846.	Not clinical trial
84	Han S, Li C. Acupuncture Treatment for 68 Cases of Functional Impairment Induced by Cerebral Hemorrhage at the Convalescence Stage. <i>Journal of Traditional Chinese Medicine</i> . 2006;26(3):172-174.	Not compared with sham control
85	Park JW, Koh HG, Kim CH. Acupuncture treatment for stroke patients. <i>The Journal of Korean Acupuncture and Moxibustion Society</i> . 1996;13(1):350-364.	Not clinical trial
86	Ji Q, Xu Q, Zhou Y, Gu H, Zhang Y. Acupuncture Treatment of 35 Patients with Dysphagia due to Apoplectic Pseudobulbar Paralysis. <i>Shanghai Journal of Acupuncture and Moxibustion</i> . 2004;23(5):11-12.	Not compared with sham control
87	Zeng H. Acupuncture treatment of acute cerebral infarction by the 'Three-Step-Needling' method. <i>Journal of Traditional Chinese Medicine</i> . 2006;26(1):13-16.	Uncontrolled trial
88	Lin Rong-yu, Wang En-long. Acupuncture Treatment of Acute Ischemic Stroke Clinical Observation. <i>Journal of Practical Traditional Chinese Internal Medicine</i> . 2009;23(3):90-91.	Not compared with sham control
89	Zhang WX, Li SC, Chen GB, Zhang QM, Wang YX. Acupuncture treatment of apoplectic hemiplegia. <i>Journal of Traditional Chinese Medicine</i> . 1987;7(3):157-160.	Not randomized controlled trial
90	Liu LL. Acupuncture Treatment of Bulbar Palsy. Report of 54 Cases. <i>Journal of Traditional Chinese Medicine</i> . 2000;20(1):30-32.	Complex therapy
91	Wang H. Acupuncture treatment of depressive syndromes after cerebral vascular accidents. <i>Journal of Traditional Chinese Medicine</i> . 2002;22(4):274-275.	Uncontrolled trial
92	Schuler MS, Durdak C, Hol NM, et al. Acupuncture treatment of geriatric patients with ischemic stroke: a randomized, double-controlled, single-blind study. <i>J Am Geriatr Soc</i> . 2005;53(3):549-550.	Included
93	Guo Fang. Acupuncture Treatment of Swallowing Training after Stroke 42 Cases of Dysphagia. <i>Journal of Practical Traditional Chinese Internal Medicine</i> . 2009;23(3):83-84.	Uncontrolled trial
94	Hu J. ACUPUNCTURE TREATMENT OF WIND STROKE. <i>Journal of Traditional Chinese Medicine</i> . 1996;16(4):307-311.	Not focus on functional recovery
95	Johansson K, Lindgren I, Gronvall E, Johansson BB. Acupuncture treatment in stroke patients. <i>Scand J Rehab Med</i> . 1992;suppl 26:158.	Not compared with sham control
96	Yao LM, Gao FM. Acupuncture with Rehabilitation Therapy for Function Resume of Patient with Stroke. <i>Chinese Journal of Integrative Medicine on Cardio-Cerebrovascular Disease</i> . 2006;4(6):488-489.	Complex therapy
97	Zeng QW. Acupuncture, recovery training complex therapy stroke sickness. <i>Journal of Liaoning University of Traditional Chinese Medicine</i> . 2008;10(10):121-122.	Not clinical trial
98	Mutasem AH, Zi XH, Xiao B, Song Z, Tu QY. Acute and Subacute Phase of Cerebral Infarction After Treatment With Acupuncture and Medical Therapy. <i>American Journal of Infectious Diseases</i> . 2007;3(1):7-10.	Not randomized controlled trial
99	Chang XR, Yan J, Fan L, et al. Advance on Research of Treating Hemiplegia after Stroke with Acupuncture and Rehabilitation. <i>Chinese Journal of Rehabilitation Theory and Practice</i> . 2008;14(4):352-355.	Not clinical trial
100	Ding J, Shi XM. Advances in Clinical and Experimental Studies on Acupuncture Treatment of Acute Cerebral Hemorrhage. <i>World Journal of Acupuncture-Moxibustion</i> . 2005;15(2):56-63.	Not clinical trial
101	Zhang ZQ, Tan JL. Advances of studies on acupuncture and moxibustion for treatment of spastic paralysis after stroke. <i>Chinese Acupuncture and Moxibustion</i> . 2006;26(11):825-828.	Not clinical trial
102	Hwee Ling Yen, William Chan. An East-West approach to the management of central post-stroke pain. <i>Cerebrovascular Diseases</i> . 2003;16(1):27-30.	Not focus on functional recovery
103	Liu H, Wang Y, Ren H et al. An effect of acupuncture on ADL and cognitive function in patients with ischemic stroke. <i>Chinese Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine</i> . 2006;21(5):444-448.	Not compared with sham control
104	He YZ, Han B, Hu J, Yuan L, Chen ZM, Li JM, Peng JX, Wang LN. An Observation on the Acupuncture Treatment of Ischemic Wind-Stroke with Different Lengths of Needle-retaining Time. <i>Journal of Traditional Chinese Medicine</i> . 2006;26(2):83-87.	Compared two types of acupuncture
105	Wu B, Chen XY, Song B. An Observation on Treating a Patient Suffered from Stroke with Swallow Disability by Acupuncture with Rehabilitation. <i>Chinese Medical Record</i> . 2006;7(9):56.	Not randomized controlled trial
106	Yin HX, Huang WS, Rao L, Zhou Y. Analysis of Using Acupuncture of Head, Acupuncture of Body, Manipulation and Dirigation Treat 61 Cases of a Stroke. <i>Modern Rehabilitation</i> . 1999;3(7):786-788.	Not randomized controlled trial
107	Yin HX, Huang WS, Rao L, et al. Analysis on clinically curative effects of early using acupuncture, manipulation and cinesiotherapy on treatment for stroke hemiplegia. <i>Chinese Journal of Integrated Traditional and Western Medicine in Intensive and Critical Care</i> . 2000;7(5):302-304.	Complex therapy
108	Ha JY, Kim CH, Koh HK. Angiotensin converting enzyme(ACE) gene polymorphism in Korean stroke patients. <i>The Journal of Korean Acupuncture and Moxibustion Society</i> . 2003;20(2):161-172.	Not related to efficacy of acupuncture

109	Moon SK, Whang YK, Park SU, Ko CN, Kim YS, Bae HS, Cho KH. Antispastic effect of electroacupuncture and moxibustion in stroke patients. <i>The American Journal of Chinese Medicine</i> . 2003;31(3):467-474.	Not compared with sham control
110	You JH, Kim YS, Kang SK. Antispastic Effect of Electroacupuncture on Spasticity in Stroke Patients. <i>The Journal of Korean Acupuncture and Moxibustion Society</i> . 1999;16(2):1-12.	Not randomized controlled trial
111	Paek CH, So SW, Kim HS, Ahn KH, Nam SS, Park SK. Antispastic Effect of Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulation and Acupuncture in the Stroke Patients. <i>J of Korean Acad of Rehab Med</i> . 1997;21(6):1088-1097.	Not randomized controlled trial
112	Kim YS. Antispastic effects of electroacupuncture, TENS and NMES in stroke patients. <i>The Journal of Korean Acupuncture and Moxibustion Society</i> . 2000;17(2):209-220.	Not compared with sham control
113	Guo J, Xie Y, Sun Q et al. Application of acupuncture in the early rehabilitation for stroke patients. <i>Chinese Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine</i> . 2005;20(1):40-43.	Not compared with sham control
114	Hao Li, Zhao XF, Li J. Approach to clinical trial design for acupuncture and moxibustion treatment of stroke. <i>Chinese Acupuncture & Moxibustion</i> . 2009;29(1):56-58.	Not clinical trial
115	Zhang XL, Li J, Zhang MM, Yuan WM. Assessing the Reporting Quality of Randomized Controlled Trials on Acupuncture for Acute Ischemic Stroke Using the CONSORT Statement and STRICTA. <i>Chin J Evid-based Med</i> . 2006;6(8):586-590.	Not clinical trial
116	Wang LP, Zhou W, Wang Y. Assessment and investigation of therapeutic effects of different needling methods for treatment of spastic state of post-cerebrovascular disease. <i>Chinese Acupuncture & Moxibustion</i> . 2007;27(5):325-328.	Compared two types of acupuncture
117	Zeng HW. Assorted acupuncture and moxibustion combined with self-made Chinese herb recipe for improving the limbs spasticity and motor function in patients with stroke. <i>Chinese Journal of Clinical Rehabilitation</i> . 2005;9(17):126-127.	Not related to efficacy of acupuncture
118	Cui N, Zhou HF. Body Acupuncture Needle Eyes and Early Treatment of Stroke Referred to. <i>Journal of Practical Traditional Chinese Internal Medicine</i> . 2009;23(3):87-88.	Uncontrolled trial
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