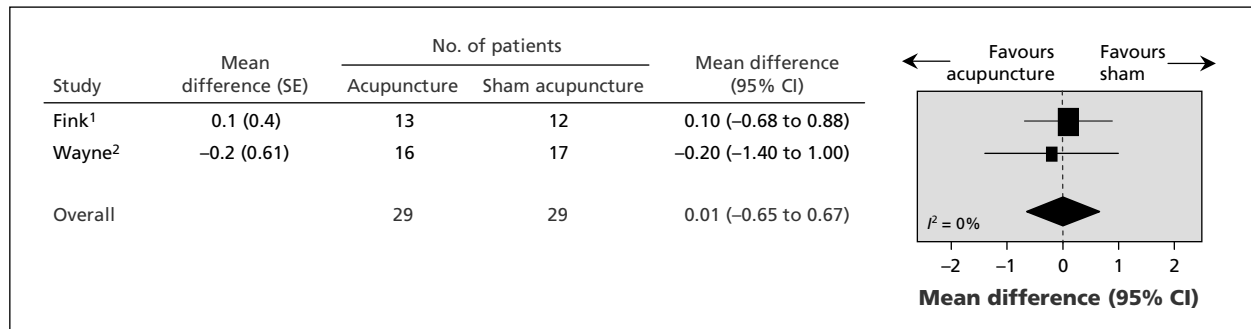


**Appendix 5:** Meta-analysis of sham-controlled randomized clinical trials involving patients in the chronic stage of stroke.



Meta-analysis of sham-controlled randomized clinical trials of the effectiveness of acupuncture for functional recovery after stroke. Trials included patients in the chronic stage of stroke. Mean differences less than zero favour acupuncture. CI = confidence interval, SE = standard error.

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