

The search strategies for the included RCTs for Pubmed.

#1 "irritable bowel syndrome"[MeSH Terms]

#2 "irritable bowel syndrome"[Title/Abstract] OR "irritable bowel syndrome*"[Title/Abstract] OR "irritable bowel"[Title/Abstract] OR "colon irritable"[Title/Abstract] OR "irritable colon"[Title/Abstract] OR "colitis mucous"[Title/Abstract] OR "colitides mucous"[Title/Abstract] OR "mucous coliti*"[Title/Abstract] OR "IBS"[Title/Abstract]

#3 #1 OR #2

#4 "acupuncture"[MeSH Terms] OR "acupuncture therapy"[MeSH Terms] OR "acupuncture points"[MeSH Terms] OR "electroacupuncture"[MeSH Terms] OR "Meridians"[MeSH Terms]

#5 "acupuncture*"[Title/Abstract] OR "acupuncture therapy"[Title/Abstract] OR "acupuncture points"[Title/Abstract] OR "acupuncture treatment*"[Title/Abstract] OR "electroacupuncture"[Title/Abstract] OR "electro-acupuncture"[Title/Abstract] OR "transcutaneous electrical acupoint stimulation"[Title/Abstract] OR "electrical stimulation"[Title/Abstract] OR "needling"[Title/Abstract] OR "dry-needling"[Title/Abstract] OR "needle therapy"[Title/Abstract] OR "de qi"[Title/Abstract] OR "acupunct*"[Title/Abstract] OR "acupoint*"[Title/Abstract] OR "acupotom*"[Title/Abstract]

#6 #4 OR #5

#7 "randomized controlled trials as topic"[MeSH Terms] OR "clinical trials as topic"[MeSH Terms] OR "controlled clinical trials as topic"[MeSH Terms]

#8 "randomized controlled trial"[Publication Type] OR "randomized controlled trial"[All Fields] OR "RCT"[All Fields] OR "random*"[Title/Abstract] OR "trial*"[All Fields] OR "study"[All Fields] OR "placebo"[All Fields]

#9 #7 OR #8

#10 #3 AND #6 AND #9

The search strategies for the included RCTs for EMBASE.

#1 'irritable bowel syndrome'/exp

#2 'irritable bowel syndrome':ti,ab OR 'irritable bowel syndrome*':ti,ab OR 'irritable bowel':ti,ab
OR 'colon irritable':ti,ab OR 'irritable colon':ti,ab OR 'colitis mucous':ti,ab OR 'colitides
mucous':ti,ab OR 'mucous coliti*':ti,ab OR 'IBS':ti,ab

#3 #1 OR #2

#4 'acupuncture'/exp

#5 'acupuncture therapy'/exp

#6 'acupuncture points'/exp

#7 'electroacupuncture'/exp

#8 'Meridians'/exp

#9 'acupuncture*':ti,ab OR 'acupuncture therapy':ti,ab OR 'acupuncture points':ti,ab OR
'acupuncture treatment*':ti,ab OR 'electroacupuncture':ti,ab OR 'electro-acupuncture':ti,ab OR
'transcutaneous electrical acupoint stimulation':ti,ab OR 'electrical stimulation':ti,ab OR
'needling':ti,ab OR 'dry-needling':ti,ab OR 'needle therapy':ti,ab OR 'de qi':ti,ab OR
'acupunct*':ti,ab OR 'acupoint*':ti,ab OR 'acupotom*':ti,ab

#10 #4 OR #5 OR #6 OR #7 OR #8 OR #9

#11 'randomized controlled trial'/exp

#12 'randomized controlled trial':ti,ab OR 'clinical trial':ti,ab OR 'controlled clinical trial':ti,ab OR
'RCT':ti,ab OR 'random*':ti,ab OR 'trial*':ti,ab OR 'study':ti,ab OR 'placebo':ti,ab

#13 #11 OR #12

#14 #3 AND #10 AND #13

The search strategies for the included RCTs for Cochrane Library.

#1 MeSH descriptor: [irritable bowel syndrome] explode all trees

#2 'irritable bowel syndrome':ti,ab OR 'irritable bowel syndrome*':ti,ab OR 'irritable bowel':ti,ab
OR 'colon irritable':ti,ab OR 'irritable colon':ti,ab OR 'colitis mucous':ti,ab OR 'colitides
mucous':ti,ab OR 'mucous coliti*':ti,ab OR 'IBS':ti,ab

#3 #1 OR #2

#4 MeSH descriptor: [Acupuncture] explode all trees

#5 MeSH descriptor: [Acupuncture Therapy] explode all trees

#6 MeSH descriptor: [Acupuncture Points] explode all trees

#7 MeSH descriptor: [Electroacupuncture] explode all trees

#8 MeSH descriptor: [Meridians] explode all trees

#9 'acupuncture*':ti,ab OR 'acupuncture therapy':ti,ab OR 'acupuncture points':ti,ab OR
'acupuncture treatment*':ti,ab OR 'electroacupuncture':ti,ab OR 'electro-acupuncture':ti,ab OR
'transcutaneous electrical acupoint stimulation':ti,ab OR 'electrical stimulation':ti,ab OR
'needling':ti,ab OR 'dry-needling':ti,ab OR 'needle therapy':ti,ab OR 'de qi':ti,ab OR
'acupunct*':ti,ab OR 'acupoint*':ti,ab OR 'acupotom*':ti,ab

#10 #4 OR #5 OR #6 OR #7 OR #8 OR #9

#11 MeSH descriptor: [Randomized Controlled Trial] explode all trees

#12 'randomized controlled trial':ti,ab OR 'clinical trial':ti,ab OR 'controlled clinical trial':ti,ab OR
'RCT':ti,ab OR 'random*':ti,ab OR 'trial*':ti,ab OR 'study':ti,ab OR 'placebo':ti,ab

#13 #11 OR #12

#14 #3 AND #10 AND #13

The search strategies for the included RCTs for Web of Science Core Collection.

- #1 TS=("irritable bowel syndrome" OR "irritable bowel syndrome*" OR "irritable bowel" OR "colon irritable" OR "irritable colon" OR "colitis mucous" OR "colitides mucous" OR "mucous coliti*" OR "IBS")
- #2 TS=("acupuncture*" OR "acupuncture therapy" OR "acupuncture points" OR "acupuncture treatment*" OR "electroacupuncture" OR "electro-acupuncture" OR "transcutaneous electrical acupoint stimulation" OR "electrical stimulation" OR "needling" OR "dry-needling" OR "needle therapy" OR "de qi" OR "acupunct*" OR "acupoint*" OR "acupotom*")
- #3 TS=("randomized controlled trial" OR "RCT" OR "random*" OR "trial*" OR "study" OR "placebo")
- #4 #1AND #2 AND #3

**The search strategies for the included RCTs for China National Knowledge
Infrastructure (CNKI).**

SU=('肠易激综合征'+ 'IBS') AND SU=('针灸'+ '针刺'+ '体针'+ '手针'+ '电针'+ '干针'+ '电刺激'+ '针')
AND FT=('随机'+ 'RCT')

SU=('irritable bowel syndrome'+ 'IBS') AND SU=('acupuncture'+ 'acupuncture needling'+ 'body
acupuncture'+ 'hand acupuncture'+ 'electroacupuncture'+ 'dry needling'+ 'electrical
stimulation'+ 'needle') AND FT=('random'+ 'RCT')

The search strategies for the included RCTs for Wanfang Data.

主题:(肠易激综合征 or IBS) and 主题:(针灸 or 针刺 or 体针 or 手针 or 电针 or 干针 or 电刺激 or 针) and 全部:(随机 or RCT)

MeSH:(irritable bowel syndrome or IBS) and MeSH:(acupuncture or acupuncture needling or body acupuncture or hand acupuncture or electroacupuncture or dry needling or electrical stimulation or needle) and All Fields:(random or RCT)

**The search strategies for the included RCTs for Chinese Scientific Journal
Database (VIP).**

(M=肠易激综合征 OR IBS) AND (M=针灸 OR 针刺 OR 体针 OR 手针 OR 电针 OR 干针 OR
电刺激 OR 针) AND (U=随机 OR RCT)

(M=irritable bowel syndrome OR IBS) AND (M=acupuncture OR acupuncture needling OR
body acupuncture OR hand acupuncture OR electroacupuncture OR dry needling OR electrical
stimulation OR needle) AND (U=random OR RCT)

The search strategies for the included RCTs for China Biology Medicine (CBM).

("肠易激综合征"[常用字段:智能] OR "IBS"[常用字段:智能]) AND ("针灸"[常用字段:智能] OR "针刺"[常用字段:智能] OR "体针"[常用字段:智能] OR "手针"[常用字段:智能] OR "电针"[常用字段:智能] OR "干针"[常用字段:智能] OR "电刺激"[常用字段:智能] OR "针"[常用字段:智能]) AND ("随机对照试验（主题）"[不加权:扩展] OR "随机对照试验"[不加权:扩展] OR "随机"[全部字段:智能] OR "RCT"[全部字段:智能])

("irritable bowel syndrome"[Common Fields: Smart] OR "IBS"[Common Fields: Smart]) AND ("acupuncture"[Common Fields: Smart] OR "acupuncture needling"[Common Fields: Smart] OR "body acupuncture"[Common Fields: Smart] OR "hand acupuncture"[Common Fields: Smart] OR "electroacupuncture"[Common Fields: Smart] OR "dry needling"[Common Fields: Smart] OR "electrical stimulation"[Common Fields: Smart] OR "needle"[Common Fields: Smart]) AND ("randomized controlled trial(MeSH)"[Unweighted: Expanded] OR "randomized controlled trial"[Unweighted: Expanded] OR "random"[All Fields: Smart] OR "RCT"[All Fields: Smart])