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#1. cerebrovascular disorders/ or exp basal ganglia cerebrovascular disease/ or exp brain ischemia/ or exp carotid ar ter y diseases/ or exp

cerebral small vessel diseases/ or exp intracranial arterial diseases/ or exp “intracranial embolism and thrombosis”/ or exp intracranial

hemorrhages/ or stroke/ or exp brain infarction/ or stroke, l acunar/ or vasospasm, intracranial/ or vertebral artery dissection/

#2. (stroke$ or poststroke or apoplex$ or cerebral vasc$ or brain vasc$ or cerebrovasc$ or cva$ or SAH).tw.

#3. ((brain or cerebr$ or cerebell$ or ver tebrobasil$ or hemispher $ or intracran$ or intracerebral or infratentor ial or supratentorial or

middle cerebral artery or MCA$ or anterior circulation or posterior circulation or basilar artery or vertebral artery or space-occupying) adj5 (isch?emi$ or infarct$ or thrombo$ or emboli$ or occlus$ or hypoxi$)).tw.

#4. ((brain$ or cerebr$ or cerebell$ or intracerebral or intracran$ or parenchymal or intraparenchymal or intraventricular or infratentorial

or supratentorial or basal gangli$ or putaminal or putamen or posterior fossa or hemispher$ or subarachnoid) adj5 (h?emorrhag$ or h?

ematoma$ or bleed$)).tw.

#5. hemiplegia/ or exp paresis/ or exp Gait Disorders, Neurologic/

#6. (hemipleg$ or hemipar$ or paresis or paraparesis or paretic).tw.

#7. or/#1-#6

#8. drugs, chinese herbal/ or pl ants medicinal/ or medicine, herbal/

#9. Medicine, Chinese Traditional/

#10. medicine, oriental tradition/

#11. phytotherapy/

#12. (chinese adj7 (traditional or medicine$)).tw.

#13. (herb or herbs or herbal).mp.

#14. (plant or plants).mp.

#15. (traditional adj8 medicine$).tw.

#16. or/#8-#32

#17. randomized controlled trial.pt.

#18. controlled clinical trial.pt.

#19. randomized.ab.

#20. placebo.ab.

#21. drug therapy.fs.

#22. randomly.ab.

#23. trial.ab.

#24. groups.ab.

#25. or/#17-#24.

#26. #7 and #16 and #25

**Supplemental 2. Figure legends.**



The funnel plot and comparison-adjusted funnel plot for assessing publication bias. (A) The funnel plot for overall effect results. (B) The funnel plot for recovery of neurological function and activities of daily living results. (C) The comparison-adjusted funnel plot for network meta-analysis without acupuncture. (D) The comparison-adjusted funnel plot for network meta-analysis of combined with acupuncture. NDS: Neurological functional Defect Score; BI: Barthel Index; FMA: Fugl-Meyer Assessment; FIM: Functional Independence Measure; NIHSS: National Institutes of Health Stroke Scale; MMSE: Mini-Mental State Examination; ADL: Activities of Daily Living; mRS: modified Rankin Scale; CMSS: Chinese Medicine Symptom Score; SIAS: Stroke Impairment Assessment Set; QOL: Quality of Life.