**Appendix I**

**Search strings used for databases**

**MEDLINE (OVID) search strategy, June 25 , 2018**

1. Exp Infertility

2. exp Infertility, Female

3. (infertil$ OR subfertil$ OR female infertility OR Ovulation OR ovulation induction OR tubal disease OR Uterine Diseases OR Ovarian Hyperstimulation Syndrome OR Oligomenorrhea OR Ovarian Follicle OR female$ fertility OR tubal fibrosis OR tubal fibrosis ) .tw.

4. tubal subfertility.mp.

5. tubal infertility.mp.

6. uterine tube obstruction/ or tubal obstruction.mp.

7. uterine tube disease/ or salpingitis/ or uterine tube occlusion.mp

8. tubal damage.mp.

9. exp acupuncture

10. exp acupuncture therapy

11. (electroacupunctur$ or electro-acupunctur$ or acupunctur$ or needing).tw

12. exp Moxibustion

13. moxabustion or moxibustion or moxa$).tw.

14. exp Ear Acupuncture

15. exp Auricular Acupuncture

16. exp Acupuncture Point

17. Randomized controlled trial.pt.

18. controlled clinical trial.pt.

19. randomized.ti,ab.

20. placebo.ti,ab.

21. randomly.ti,ab.

22. trial.ti,ab.

23. groups.ti,ab.

24. 1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5 or 6 or 7 or 8

25. 9 or 10 or 11 or 12 or 13 or 14 or 15 or 16

26. 17 or 18 or 19 or 20 or 21 or 22 or 23

27. 24 and 25 and 26

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**CENTRAL (Cochrane Library) search strategy, June 25, 2018**

1. MeSH descriptor: [Infertility] explode all trees

2. MeSH descriptor: [Infertility, Female] explode all trees

3. women adj3 infertility (Word variations have been searched)

4. women adj3 subfertility (Word variations have been searched)

5. MeSH descriptor: [Ovulation] explode all trees

6. MeSH descriptor: [Ovarian Follicle] explode all trees

7. ovulation induction (Word variations have been searched)

8. ovarian hyperstimulation (Word variations have been searched)

9. Oligomenorrhea (Word variations have been searched)

10. MeSH descriptor: [Uterine Diseases] explode all trees

11. MeSH descriptor: [Sterilization, Tubal] explode all trees

12. tubal fibrosis (Word variations have been searched)

13. tubal occlusion (Word variations have been searched)

14. tubal subfertility (Word variations have been searched)

15. tubal infertility (Word variations have been searched)

16. uterine tube obstruction or tubal obstruction (Word variations have been searched)

17. uterine tube disease or salpingitis or uterine tube occlusion or tubal damage (Word variations have been searched)

18. MeSH descriptor: [Acupuncture] explode all trees

19. MeSH descriptor: [Acupuncture Therapy] explode all trees

20. MeSH descriptor: [Electroacupuncture] explode all trees

21. (acupuncture points OR meridians OR acupoint$ OR needling):ti,ab,kw

22. MeSH descriptor: [Moxibustion] explode all trees

23. moxabustion or moxibustion or moxa$ (Word variations have been searched)

24. MeSH descriptor: [Acupuncture, Ear] explode all trees

25. MeSH descriptor: [Randomized Controlled Trial] explode all trees

26. MeSH descriptor: [Controlled Clinical Trial] explode all trees

27. randomized (Word variations have been searched)

28. randomly (Word variations have been searched)

29. trial (Word variations have been searched)

30. groups (Word variations have been searched)

31. MeSH descriptor: [Placebos] explode all trees

32. #1 or #2 or #3 or #4 or #5 or #6 or #7 or #8 or #9 or #10 or #11 or #12 or #13 or #14 or #15 or #16 or #17

33. #18 or #19 or #20 or #21 or #22 or #23 or #24

34. #25 or #26 or #27 or #28 or #29 or #30 or #31

35. #32 and #33 and #34