

Table S1 Search strategy of PubMed

No.	Search query
#1	Randomized controlled trial [pt]
#2	Controlled clinical trial [pt]
#3	Randomized [tiab]
#4	placebo [tiab]
#5	drug therapy [sh]
#6	randomly [tiab]
#7	trial [tiab]
#8	groups [tiab]
#9	#1 OR #2 OR #3 OR #4 OR #5 OR #6 OR #7 OR #8
#10	animals [mh] NOT humans [mh]
#11	#9 NOT #10
#12	"Stroke"[Mesh]
#13	Stroke or Strokes or Cerebrovascular Accident or Cerebrovascular Accidents or CVA or CVAs or Cerebrovascular Apoplexy or Brain Vascular Accident or Brain Vascular Accidents or Apoplexy or Acute Cerebrovascular Accident or Acute Cerebrovascular Accidents
#14	#12 or #13
#15	"Depressive Disorder"[Mesh]
#16	Depressive Disorders or Depressive Neuroses or Depressive Neurosis or Endogenous Depression or Endogenous Depressions or Depressive Syndrome or Depressive Syndromes or Neurotic Depression or Neurotic Depressions or Melancholia or Melancholias or Unipolar Depression or Unipolar Depressions
#17	#15 or #16
#18	#14 and #17
#19	"Moxibustion"[Mesh]
#20	Moxibustion therapy or Heat-sensitive moxibustion or Partition moxibustion or Spreading moxibustion or Thunder-fire moxibustion
#21	#19 or #20
#22	#11 and #18 and #21

CVA, cerebrovascular accident.