**Appendix**

The search strategy in PubMed is present in file.1. This search strategy was also applied to

the remaining electronic databases.

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| Number Search items |
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| 1 randomized controlled trial. pt2 controlled clinical trials. pt3 randomized. ti/ab4 randomly. ti/ab5 groups. ti/ab6 trial. ti/ab7 OR 1-68 acupuncture. ti/ab9 acupuncture therapy. ti/ab10 acupuncture point. ti/ab11 body acupuncture. ti/ab12 electroacupuncture. ti/ab13 electro-acupuncture. ti/ab14 auricular acupuncture. ti/ab15 scalp acupuncture. ti/ab16 dry needling. ti/ab17 acupoint injection. ti/ab18 OR 8-1717 aphasia after stroke. ti/ab19 post-stroke aphasia. ti/ab20 language disorders. ti/ab21 speech disorders. ti/ab22 anomia. ti/ab 23 OR 18-2224 7 AND 18 AND 24 |

pt: publication type; ti/ab: title/abstract.

This search strategy was modified as required for the remaining electronic databases.

File.1 Search strategy applied in PubMed database