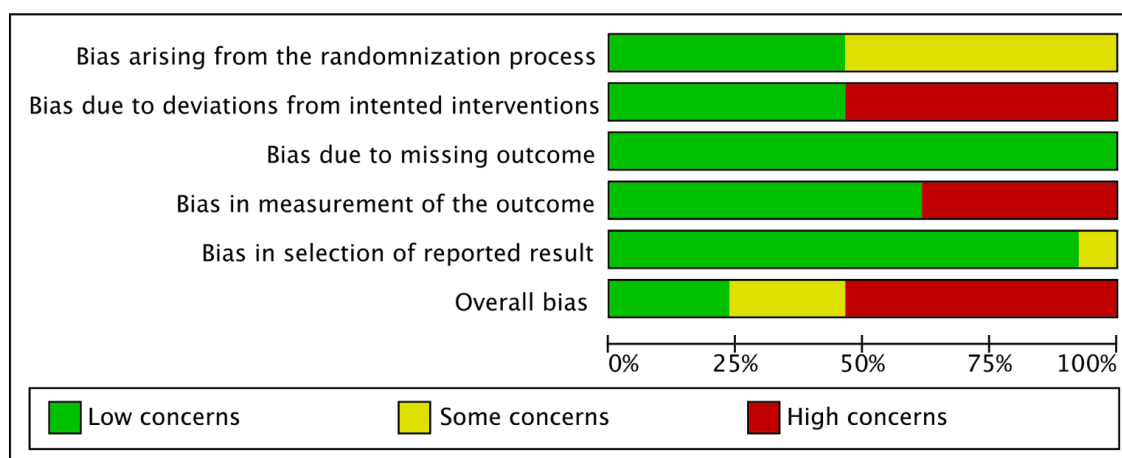


Supplementary Figure 1. Risk of bias assessment of the retrieved RCTs.

A

	Bias arising from the randomization process	Bias due to deviations from intended interventions	Bias due to missing outcome	Bias in measurement of the outcome	Bias in selection of reported result	Overall bias
Chu 2017	?	+	+	+	+	+
Deering 2011	+	+	+	+	+	+
Fan 2011	?	+	+	+	+	?
Gao 2011	?	+	+	+	+	+
Jia 2004	?	+	+	+	+	+
Lee 2015	+	+	+	+	+	+
Lee 2017	?	+	+	+	+	?
Liu 2015	?	+	+	+	+	+
Shi 2017	+	+	+	+	+	+
Suzuki 2012	+	+	+	+	+	+
Xie 2014	?	+	+	+	+	?
Yang 2016	+	+	+	+	+	+
Yu 2014	+	+	+	+	+	+

B



Supplementary Table 1. Binary data of acupoints extracted from 12 RCT studies

Study	BL12	BL13	BL15	BL17	BL20	BL23	BL43	CV12	CV17	CV22	CV4	CV6	EXB1	GV14	GV20	KI3	LI10	LI11	LI6	LU5	LU7	LU9	SP10	ST36	ST40	TE10	TE6
Jia (2004)	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Deering et al. (2011)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Fan et al. (2011)	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Gao et al. (2011)	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Xie et al. (2014)	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Yu (2014)	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0
Lee et al. (2015)	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liu et al. (2015)	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Yang et al. (2016)	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chu (2017)	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0
Lee (2017)	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0
Shi et al. (2017)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0