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Corrigendum to “The Efficacy and Safety of Acupuncture for the Treatment of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis”

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In the article titled “The Efficacy and Safety of Acupuncture for the Treatment of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis” [1], the authors wish to correct six errors in the countries listed in Table 1. The revised Table 1 is as follows:

TABLE 1: Summary of the studies included.

Study (reference)	Country	Sample size (A)/(B)	Mean age	Gender (M: F)	Diagnostic criteria	(A) Experimental intervention	(B) Control intervention	Acupuncture points	Outcomes
Allam [25]	Egypt	10/10	5.5 ± 1.22 y	(A) 7:3 (B) 5:5	DSM-IV ADI-R CARS ≥30	MA + (B)	Language therapy	GV20, GV26, GV17, 3 temple needles, YNSA cerebrum, and aphasia points	Arabic language test
Chen [26]	China	30/30	5.06 ± 1.32 y	36:24	CCMD-3	MA + (B)	Cognitive behavior rehabilitation training	GV20, GV24, EX-HN3, HT7, SP6, HI3, head Anmian point	CSHQ, TER (CSHQ), PTQ
Fan [27]	China	38/38	(A) 5.21 ± 1.56 y (B) 4.98 ± 2.05 y	(A) 22:16 (B) 20:18	NR	MA	Language therapy, guided education, cooperative exchanges, music therapy	Jin's three needles (Sishenzhen, Niesanzhen, Naosanzhen, Shouzhezhen, Zuzhizhen, Shesanzhen, Xingshenzhen)	CARS, TER (language ability)
Gao [28]	China	50/50	(A) 5.7 ± 0.8 y (B) 5.4 ± 0.7 y	(A) 29:21 (B) 31:19	WHO	MA	Physical therapy, cognitive education, language education, behavior modification	Jin's three needles (Sishenzhen, Naosanzhen, Niesanzhen, Zuonieshangsanzhen, Dingshenzhen, Xingshenzhen, Shouzhezhen, Zuzhizhen, Shesanzhen)	PEP
He [29]	China	30/30	(A) 7.16 ± 4.26 y (B) 6.94 ± 3.86 y	(A) 24:6 (B) 25:5	DSM-IV ICD-10 CCMD-2R	EA + MA + (B)	Verbal communication training, social communication training, self-care training, cognitive training, motion training	EA (EX-HN1, EX-HN3, PC6, HT7, SP6, KI3), MA (LR3, AT3, TF4)	ABC ² , CARS, ATEC
Li [30]	China	30/40	NR	(A) 27:3 (B) 33:7	DSM-IV CCMD	EA + (B)	Music therapy and structured teaching	Scalp points (Zhijiuzhen, emotional zone, heart, and liver zone)	Clancy autism behavior scale, CARS, ABC ¹ , GDS
Li [31]	China	19/19	42.75 ± 2.5 m	36:2	DSM-IV	MA + (B)	Behavioral educational intervention	Tongue points (Naozhongxue, Naoshuxue, Naoyuanxue, Bizhongxue)	PEP-revised
Li [32]	China	53/53	5.1 ± 3.9 y	82:24	NR	MA + (B)	Intensive therapy, game therapy, sensory integration training	Jin's three needle (Shesanzhen, Zuzhizhen, Shouzhezhen, Xingshenzhen, Zhisanzhen, Naosanzhen, Niesanzhen, Dingshenzhen, Sishenzhen)	CARS, ABC ¹
Liao [33]	China	30/30	(A) 9.24 ± 1.64 y (B) 9.51 ± 1.50 y	(A) 19:11 (B) 18:12	NR	MA + (B)	ABA, language cognitive therapy, sensory integration training	Scalp temporal, frontal, suboccipital, occipital region	CARS, TER (CARS)
Liu [34]	China	33/34	5.41 y	60:7	DSM-IV	MA	Sensory integration training	Jin's three needles (Sishenzhen, Niesanzhen, Zhisanzhen, Naosanzhen, Shesanzhen, Shouzhezhen, Zuzhizhen, Siguanxue), Siguan	ABC ¹ , CARS
Sun [35]	China	42/42	(A) 70 m (B) 65 m	(A) 30:12 (B) 29:13	DSM-IV	EA + (B)	Behavior therapy, sensory integration training	Tongue points (Naozhongxue, Naoshuxue, Naoyuanxue, Bizhongxue)	CARS, TER (CARS)

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Tang [36]	China	20/18/18	(A1) 4.526 ± 1.623 y (A2) 4.436 ± 1.520 y (B) 3.954 ± 1.572 y	(A1) 14:6 (A2) 13:5 (B) 14:4	DSM-IV CCMD-2R CARS 36-41	(A1) doing (B) during retention of MA (A2) MA affer (B)	Educational training, behavior modification, sensory integration training, language therapy	Scalp areas according to symptoms	CARS, TER (CARS)
Wang [37]	China	30/30	NR	(A) 24:6 (B) 23:7	ICD-10 CCMD-3	EA + (B)	Behavior therapy	GV20, EX-HN1, GV24, GB13, EX-HN3, GV17, GB19, PC6, scalp speech area 1, 2, 3	Social adaptive quotient, TER (social adaptive quotient)
Wang [38]	China	30/30	(A) 5.14 ± 1.53 y (B) 5.46 ± 1.68 y	(A) 24:6 (B) 23:7	ICD-10 CCMD-3	EA + (B)	Sensory integration training, auditory integration training, language therapy	GV20, EX-HN1, GV24, GB13, EX-HN3, GV17, GB19, PC6, scalp speech area 1, 2, 3	ABC ¹ , TER (ABC ¹), PPVT
Wang [39]	China	32/30	(A) 5.12 ± 1.42 y (B) 5.10 ± 3.4 y	(A) 18:14 (B) 15:15	NR	MA	Language therapy, guided education, ABA, music therapy	Jin's three needles (Sishenzhen, Zhisanzhen, Naosanzhen, Niesanzhen, Shouzhizhen, Zuzhizhen, Shesanzhen, Xingshenzhen)	CARS, TER (language ability)
Wong [40]	China	18/18	(A) 7.40 ± 2.215 y (B) 7.62 ± 2.367 y	(A) 17:1 (B) 17:1	DSM-IV ADI-R ADOS	EA + MA + (B)	Conventional educational program	EA (GV20, EX-HN3, HT7, SP6), MA (AT3)	ADOS, ABC ² , ATEC, RFRRLRS, WeeFIM, CGI, SPT
Wong [41]	China	30/25	(A) 9.17 ± 4.12 y (B) 9.56 ± 4.22 y	(A) 25:5 (B) 22:3	DSM-IV ADI-R ADOS	EA, conventional educational program	Sham EA, conventional educational program	EX-HN1, EX-HN3, PC6, HT7, LR3, SP6, AT3, TF4	WeeFIM, PEDI, Leiter-R, CGI, ABC ² , RFRRLRS, RDLS, A standardized parental report
Wong [42]	China	25/25	(A) 6.23 ± 1.8 y (B) 6 ± 1.99 y	(A) 21:4 (B) 23:2	DSM-IV ADI-R CARS ≥30	MA, conventional educational and behavior model	Sham MA, conventional educational and behavior model	Tongue points (Runze, Guangzhou, Tianmen, Diyou)	GMDs, RFRRLRS, RDLS, SPT, WeeFIM
Wong [43]	China	16/11 (12/9)	(A) 10.167 ± 3.930 y (B) 8.750 ± 4.617 y	(A) 16:0 (B) 11:0	DSM-IV ADI-R CARS ≥30	MA + (B)	Conventional educational and behavior model	Tongue points (Runze, Guangzhou, Tianmen, Diyou)	ATEC, RDLS, SPT, WeeFIM, CGI, Cerebral FDG metabolism by PET
Wu [44]	China	40/40	(A) 6.5 ± 2.3 y (B) 6.2 ± 2.1 y	(A) 28:12 (B) 30:10	DSM-5	MA	Conventional intervention	Jin's three needles (NR)	Functional development scale
Xiong [45]	China	32/32	(A) 7.48 ± 3.26 y (B) 7.56 ± 3.12 y	(A) 18:14 (B) 17:15	CCMD-3	MA + (B)	Educational training, sensory training, behavior modification, language therapy	Scalp frontal, temporal, occipital, suboccipital, and parietal regions	CARS
Yang [46]	China	20/20	(A) 5.6053 ± 2.2582 y (B) 4.2778 ± 1.8249 y	(A) 16:4 (B) 14:6	DSM-IV	MA	Behavior therapy, sensory integration training	Jin's three needles (Sishenzhen, Dingshenzhen, Zhisanzhen, Yansanzhen, Naosanzhen, Shesanzhen, Shousanzhen, Shouzhizhen, Zusanzhen, Zuzhizhen), CV12, CV4, CV6, GV14, BL20, GV4	CARS, TER (CARS), EEG, attention value

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Zeng [47]	China	30/25	(A) 3.51 ± 1.48 y (B) 3.49 ± 1.47 y	(A) 18:12 (B) 14:11	ICD-10	MA + (B)	ABA, TEACCH, PCI, sensory integration training, auditory integration training, language cognitive therapy	Jin's three needles (Sishenzhen, Naosanzhen, Niesanzhen, Zhisanzhen, Shesanzhen, Dingshenzhen, Shouzhizhen, Zuzhizhen)	TER (CARS), TER (PEP)
Zeng [48]	China	60/25	(A) 3.62 ± 1.36 y (B) 3.60 ± 1.52 y	(A) 36:24 (B) 16:9	ICD-10	MA + (B)	ABA, TEACCH, PCI, sensory integration training, language cognitive therapy, music therapy	Jin's three needles (Naosanzhen, Niesanzhen, Zhisanzhen, Shesanzhen, Dingshenzhen, Shouzhizhen, Zuzhizhen) Group 1: GV20, Sishenzhen, GV24, GB13 Group 2: ST8, GV23, Dingshenzhen, GV17, GB19; use group 1 or 2 alternately every other week	TER (CARS), TER (PEP3)
Zhao [49]	China	30/30	NR	NR	ICD-10	EA + (B)	Special education	Dingshenzhen, GV17, GB19; use group 1 or 2 alternately every other week	ABC ¹ , TER (ABC ¹)
Zhao [50]	China	35/30	(A) 3.5 y (B) 3.2 y	(A) 28:7 (B) 25:5	DSM-IV ICD-10	MA + (B)	Risperidone 0.5–2 mg/d	Jin's three needles (Dingshenzhen, Zhisanzhen, Sishenzhen, Niesanzhen), GV17, transport point mainly pericardium, heart, or liver meridian	TER (Improvement of abnormal behavior)
Zhen [51]	China	68/68 (63/65)	(A) 4.2 y (B) 4.5 y	(A) 56:12 (B) 53:15	DSM-IV	MA + (B)	Speech training and structured teaching	Jin's three needles (Esanzhen, Niesanzhen, Zhensanzhen), EX-HNI	PEP-3

ABA, applied behavior analysis; ABC¹, autism behavior checklist; ADI-R, autism diagnostic interview-revised; ADOS, autism diagnostic observation scale; ATEC, autism treatment evaluation checklist; CARS, childhood autism rating scale; CCMD, Chinese classification of mental disorder; CGI, clinical global impression; CSHQ, children's sleep habits questionnaire; DSM, diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders; EA, electroacupuncture; EEG, electroencephalography; FDG, fluorodeoxyglucose; GDS, gesell developmental schedules; GMDS, griffiths mental developmental scale; ICD, international classification of diseases; MA, manual acupuncture; NR, not recorded; PCI, play and cultural intervention; PEDI, pediatric evaluation of disability inventory; PEP, psychoeducational profile; PET, positron emission tomography; PPVT, peabody picture and vocabulary test; PTQ, parent temperament questionnaire; RDLS, reynell developmental language scales; RFRLRS, ritvo-freeman real life rating scale; SPT, symbolic play test; TEACCH, treatment and education of autistic and related communication handicapped children; TER, total effective rate; WeeFIM, functional independence measure for children; WHO, World Health Organization; YNSA, Yamamoto new scalp acupuncture. ^aCrossover trial. The rest are parallel studies.

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