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1. Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analysis

☆☆☆	Evidence for effectiveness and a specific effect of acupuncture
☆☆	Evidence for effectiveness of acupuncture
☆	Limited evidence for effectiveness of acupuncture
∅	No evidence or insufficient evidence

1.1. Choi 2012 ∅

Choi TY, Lee MS, Ernst E. Acupuncture for cancer patients suffering from hiccup: a systematic review and meta-analysis. Complement Ther Med. 2012. 20(6):447-55. [159366].

Purpose	The objective of this review was to assess the effectiveness of acupuncture for treating hiccup in patients with cancer.
Methods	Thirteen databases were searched from their inception through July 2011 without language restrictions. Randomised clinical trials (RCTs) were included if acupuncture was used as the sole treatment or as a part of a combination therapy with conventional drugs for hiccup in cancer patients. Studies were included if they compared acupuncture to placebo, drug therapy or no treatment. Cochrane criteria were used to assess the risk of bias.
Results	A total of 5 RCTs met our inclusion criteria. All of the included RCTs were associated with a high risk of bias. The majority of studies suggested favourable effects of acupuncture compared with conventional treatments. A meta-analysis revealed superior response rates for acupuncture compared with intramuscular injections (n=162; RR, 1.87; 95% CI 1.26-2.78; P=0.002; heterogeneity: $\chi^2=3.16$, P=0.21, I(2)=37%)..
Conclusion	This systematic review provides very limited evidence for the effectiveness of acupuncture compared with the conventional therapy (intramuscular injections) for treating hiccup. The total number, as well as was the methodological quality, of the RCTs included in this review was low.

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