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	N(%)
of any English database ^a	65 (100)
of any Chinese database ^b	26 (40.0)
translation of Chinese abstracts	40 (66.7)
language restriction ^c	7 (10.8)
Chinese speaking author ^d	27 (45.0)
translation of primary intervention of interest	45 (66.2)

^a databases include: Medline/PubMed, CINAHL, EMBASE, AMED
CENTRAL

^b databases include China Biological Medicine database, Chinese
Clinical Trials Registry, Traditional Chinese Medicine, Chinese National
Acupuncture Infrastructure, Chinese Medical Current Content or any other
database the authors describes as being of Chinese origin

^c language restriction defined as yes if authors 1.) stated a language restriction,
2.) state a language restriction and did not include any non-English
3.) did not state a language restriction and did not search any non-
English databases

^d Chinese speaking was defined by: at least one author with residence in Chinese
country or if the review states one author reads Chinese

Years of publish for Cochrane reviews of protocols by intervention of interest

	Acupuncture intervention of interest N= 45	Acupuncture secondary intervention N= 23
	1 (2.2)	1 (4.4)

by primary

Stage of review	
Review	
Protocol	
Withdrawn	
No. of English	
0	
1	
2	
≥3	
No. of Chinese	
0	
1	
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Translation	
Language restriction	
Chinese speaking	

^a Withdrawn reviews

^b Chinese speaking with
author reads Chinese

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