Appendix 1: Search strategy used in PubMed database

#1 vascular cognitive impairment
#2 mild cognitive impairment
#3 post-stroke cognitive impairment
#4 VCI
#5 #1 or #2 or #3 or #4

#6 Medicine, Chinese Traditional
#7 Drugs, Chinese Herbal
#8 herbal medicine
#9 Chinese traditional medicine
#10 Traditional Chinese medicine
#11 #6 or #7 or #8 or #9 or #10

#12 #5 and #11