

Appendix I. search strategy.

number	Search terms
#1	cerebrovascular disorders OR cerebrovascular OR brain ischemia OR stroke OR brain infarction OR CVA OR post-stroke OR poststroke OR cerebrovasc* OR hemiplegia
#2	balance OR posture OR postural balance OR balance impairment OR equilibrium OR weight bearing OR weight shift OR postural control OR postural stability OR postural instability OR postural disorders
#3	physical therapy OR physical therapy modality OR physical therapy techniques OR physiotherapy OR group physiotherapy OR neurological physiotherapy OR neurophysiotherapy OR exercise movement techniques OR neurorehabilitation OR rehabilitation
#4	whole body vibration OR plantar vibration OR weight movement training weight shift training OR treadmill training OR balance training OR balance exercises OR ankle proprioceptive control OR virtual reality OR mirror therapy OR biofeedback OR YOGA OR exercises OR training OR kinesiology taping OR orthosis
#5	acupuncture OR electroacupuncture OR fire needle OR body acupuncture OR warm needle OR auricular acupuncture OR Tuina OR Chinese tuina OR massage OR massage therapy OR Chinese massage OR Chinese manipulation OR Chinese manipulative therapy OR Chinese manipulation OR moxibustion OR Chinese medicine OR traditional Chinese exercises
#6	randomized controlled trial OR controlled clinical trial OR randomly OR randomized OR randomized trial
#7	#1 AND #2 AND (#3 OR #4 OR #5) AND #6