

Supplementary Information

Supplementary Table 1. Representative PubMed search strategy

| Item | Details |
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| Database | PubMed |
| Search date | March 1, 2026 |
| Time frame | From database inception to December 31, 2025 |
| Language | English or Chinese (PubMed filters) |
| Search string | ((“acupuncture anesthesia”[Title/Abstract] OR “acupuncture anaesthesia”[Title/Abstract] OR “acupuncture-assisted anesthesia”[Title/Abstract] OR “acupuncture-assisted anaesthesia”[Title/Abstract] OR electroacupuncture[Title/Abstract] OR “electro-acupuncture”[Title/Abstract] OR “acupuncture analgesia”[Title/Abstract] OR “acupuncture”[MeSH Terms]) AND (perioperative[Title/Abstract] OR intraoperative[Title/Abstract] OR postoperative[Title/Abstract] OR anesthesia[Title/Abstract] OR anaesthesia[Title/Abstract] OR analgesia[Title/Abstract] OR “pain management”[Title/Abstract] OR “enhanced recovery”[Title/Abstract] OR ERAS[Title/Abstract] OR “surgical procedures, operative”[MeSH Terms])) |

Note: ERAS, enhanced recovery after surgery.