

Attached list 2: Characterization of data from Furlan AD (2010) review: articles from China (showing syndrome improvement rate)

Authors	Diseases	Schedule of acupuncture	Course dose of Acup	Total dose of Acup.	Experiment groups	Number of participants	Pain before	Pain after	Improve rate
Huang, SR (2006)1	Acute LBP	Twice a week, for 4 weeks	0.29	2.32	Single Acupoint E-ACUP	53	90.52	13.04	85.6%
					Traditional E-Acup	45	91.06	29.68	67.4%
Fu, ZH (2006)34	Chronic LBP	Method introduction			FSN group		5.22	2.56	51.0%
					Minimal group		4.32	3.79	12.3%
Li, N (2005)36	LBP	once a day for 4 weeks	1.00	28.00	Traditional Acup	31	38.58	11.55	70.1%
					Chinese Physiotherapy	29	40.24	18.83	53.2%
Wang, BX (2004)37	Chronic LBP	Once a day for 7 days	1.00	7.00	E-Acup	23	42.85	20.95	51.1%
					NSAIDs	17	42.33	25.33	40.2%
Yu, WH (1997)41	Chronic LBP	Once a day for 20 times	#REF!	20.00	(data not available)				
Tsui MLK (2004)46	Chronic LBP	Twice a week, 4 week, retain for 20 min.	0.29	1.14	E-Acup	14	5.57		44.9%
					E-Acup + Warm needle	14	5.71		48.7%
					Exercise	14	6.14		14.6%
Kwon, Y.D (2007)48	Chronic LBP	12 times over 4 weeks	#REF!	#REF!	(data not available)				

Guo, W (2005)63	Mixed LBP	Once a day for 10 days with break on Sunday.	0.86	17.14	Tuina + ibuprofen	97	4.38	3.11	29.0%
					E-Acup + Acupoint injection	100	4.51	1.32	70.7%
Jia CS(2007)237	Mixed neck pain	30 min total			Auricular Acup (under skin)		27.25	12.25	55.0%
					Auricular Acup (vertical penetrate)		26.33	20.13	23.5%
Mu, JP (2007)54	Mixed LBP	30 min. Once a day, continu for 3 weeks.	1.00	21.00	Combined group	38	41.27	4.67	88.7%
					Jia-ji acupoint E-Acup	40	41.87	9.36	77.6%
					Laser knigh-needle	37	42.35	8.52	79.9%
Wang, N (2007)60	Mixed LBP	30 min. 6 sessions are one course. Have 1 day break before next course. Totally 4 courses.	0.86	24.00	Acup + traction	45	7.2	1.91	73.5%
					Traction	45	7.09	3.58	49.5%
Li, DJ (2006)61	Mixed LBP	once every 3 days. For 2 weeks	0.33	1.33	Traction	80	8.81	3.43	61.1%
					Warm-needle Acup	80	8.86	4.46	49.7%
					Combined group	80	8.64	2.38	72.5%
Wang, YQ (2005)62	Mixed LBP	Once a day for 10 day as one course. Have a break for 2-3 day before next	0.83	16.67	Abdomen Acup	30	4.77	2.85	40.3%
					Abdomen Acup + Tuina	28	4.38	0.83	81.1%

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Zhu, Q (2003)83	Mixed LBP	30 min. Once a day. 6-session is one course. Totally 30 days.	0.86	25.71	Acup + traction	31	4.42	1.57	64.5%
					Acup	29	4.41	2.89	34.5%
Zhang, HL(2003)84	Mixed LBP	Once a day. 15-session is one course. Have a 3-day break. Totally 3 courses.	0.83	37.50	E-Acup + Traction	60	8.57	3.45	59.7%
					Traction	60	8.61	4.31	49.9%
Shang, Xiu-kui (2002)231	Mixed neck pain	Once a day. 10-session is one course. Totally 3 courses.	1.00	30.00	Four-sky Acup	50	0.8	0.1	87.5%
					Acup	30	0.79	0.32	59.5%