Assessed for eligibility (n=220)

Non-consent (n=97)
Excluded (n=76)
  Primary cause of dyspnea inappropriate (n=30)
  Insufficient degree of dyspnea (n=18)
  Anemia (n=5)
  Severe co-morbidity (n=6)
  Acupuncture contraindicated (n=3)
  Other (n=14)

Randomized (n=47)

Allocated to acupuncture (n=25)
  Received acupuncture (n=25)

Allocated to placebo (n=22)
  Withdrew before learning allocation (n=1)
  Received placebo (n=21)

Provided follow-up data (n=25)
Provided follow-up data (n=20)
Lost to follow up (n=1)