487 Total Records Retrieved from the Cochrane CAM Specialised Registry*  
*No duplicates removed or additional studies included

204 Excluded:
Reasons for exclusion:
(10) Not categorised within defined interventions
(166) Full text not locally available
(22) Did not meet acupuncture definition
(1) Non-human trial
(1) Not strict RCT
(1) Outcome adverse events

487 Screened at Level One (Title and abstract only)

283 Screened at Level Two (Full Text)

78 Excluded:
Primary Reasons for exclusion:
(19) Not categorised within defined interventions
(18) Did not meet acupuncture definition
(30) Protocols, secondary analysis or not full RCT
(2) Trials of more than one defined intervention
(4) Outcome is adverse event
(2) Inaccessible word count

205 included CAM RCTs