Reviewer’s report

Title: The Efficacy of Acupuncture as an Adjuvant Therapy in Lung Cancer: a Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

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Reviewer: Yutong Fei

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Major Compulsory Revisions
1. Please give practical definition of "acupuncture" in the review. There are many types of acupuncture and acupuncture-like interventions.
2. In the inclusion criteria, "Studies had to use acupuncture as the main intervention, or use the acupuncture combined with conventional therapies (chemotherapy or radiotherapy). " How to define "main intervention"? What if herbal medicine were used together with a certain type of acupuncture? This was mostly commonly seen.
3. Methods of meta-analysis: the included studies were RCTs using all types of acupuncture. The clinical heterogeneity was huge. Almost all the meta-analysis included highly different interventions. According to the huge clinical heterogeneity, those meta-analysis could not be conducted. So, the validity of the results of those meta-analysis was questionable.

Minor Essential Revisions
1. In Table 1, please make it clear what "acupuncture" means. Were they "manual acupuncture"?

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests