Reviewer's report

Title: Effect of acustimulation on morning sickness or hyperemesis in pregnancy: a systematic review of Western and Chinese literature.

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[Major Compulsory Revisions]
This is a well conducted meta-analysis on an important topic and covers a range of databases thus provides a comprehensive analysis.

Apart from the high risk of bias and poor reporting in most of Chinese studies, my main concern is that the authors pooled the studies with various control interventions. Effect sizes may change among studies with heterogeneous control interventions and the authors pooled studies comparing, for instance, acupuncture alone with conventional treatment and those testing acupuncture as an adjunct to conventional treatment. Acupuncture or acupressure can be used as an adjunct to conventional treatment or possibly as an alternative. Although I don't think this will reverse the direction of the conclusion a lot, I find that the present approach can be problematic.

Another concern is that there should be interpretation on why there emerged difference between dichotomous and continuous outcomes. Although not perfect, it would be helpful if the authors can provide the explanation on this finding based on current knowledge in statistics and clinical research.

Last essential suggestion is that Tables 1, 3, 4 and 5 should be included in the manuscript, not as supplementary files so that the readers can fully understand this review. If revisions are done, the corresponding tables also should be revised accordingly.

Minor suggestions:
- Based on the WHO standard acupuncture nomenclature, I suggest PC6 instead of P6.
- Artemisia vulgaris in italic.
- There are some trials where Chinese herbal medicine was used as a control group. I'm not sure whether these controls are valid and acceptable for testing the effectiveness of acupressure or acupuncture.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable
Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

None.