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Title: Warm Needling Acupuncture and Medicinal Cake-separated Moxibustion for Hyperlipidemia: Study Protocol for a Randomized Controlled Trial

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1. What is the rationale for the selection acupuncture and moxibustion to compare with positive drugs?

2. What is the rationale for treatment course determination? Any pilot study data?

3. Is it possible to provide more detailed information about the intervention of acupuncture and moxibustion?

4. How to assign the participant number to different sites? How to make sure the consistency among different sites?

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