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Abstract

Introduction: Systematic reviews need constantly updating as new evidence emerges. The aim of this comprehensive systematic review/meta-analysis focused on trials that provided acupuncture during in vitro fertilization (IVF) or intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI) which were compared with routine care for a range of outcomes - implantation rate, biochemical pregnancies (presence of a positive urinary pregnancy test or a positive serum human chorionic gonadotrophin test), clinical pregnancies, ongoing pregnancies, and rates of miscarriage and live birth.

Methods: A systematic search of MEDLINE and EMBASE databases for randomized controlled trials (RCTs) on acupuncture treatment during IVF or ICSI was carried out from

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