**Additional file 3:** **The PRISMA flow diagram of studies identified**

***Effect of warm-needling acupuncture in overweight and obese adults: protocol for a systematic review and meta-analysis***

Additional records identified through other sources

(n = )

Records identified through

database searching

(n = )

## Identification

Records after duplicates removed

(n = )

## Screening

Records excluded

(n = )

Records screened

(n = )

Full-text articles excluded, with reasons

(n = )

Full-text articles assessed for eligibility

(n = )

## Eligibility

Studies included in qualitative synthesis

(n = )

## Included

Studies included in quantitative synthesis (meta-analysis)

(n = )