Integrative Medicine
East meets West

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The question is…

- Is there a need to combine Western and Chinese Medicine?

- Is there a scientific basis to combine Western and Chinese Medicine?
Where is our patient load?

- Elderly
  - Musculo-skeletal pain e.g. OA knee, low back pain
  - Dementia
- Chronic non-infectious diseases
  - Psychiatric disorders
  - DM, Cardiovascular diseases
  - Gastrointestinal problems
  - Skin conditions
- Cancer
  - No effective chemotherapy
  - As an adjuvant
A consumer-driven health-care system

- Institute for Public Opinion in Allensback

- Germany survey 2005
  772 subject interviewed

- “If you were sick, would you prefer a therapy consisting of Western medicine or a combination of Chinese and Western medicine?”
Acupuncture & Osteoarthritis

Acupuncture in patients with osteoarthritis of the knee: a randomised trial

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Summary

Background Acupuncture is widely used by patients with chronic pain although there is little evidence of its effectiveness. We investigated the efficacy of acupuncture compared with minimal acupuncture and with no acupuncture in patients with osteoarthritis of the knee.

Methods Patients with chronic osteoarthritis of the knee (Kellgren grade ≤ 2) were randomly assigned to acupuncture (n = 150), minimal acupuncture (superficial needling at non-acupuncture points; n = 76), or a waiting list control (n = 74). Specialised physicians, in 28 outpatient centres, administered acupuncture and minimal acupuncture in 12 sessions over 8 weeks. Patients completed standard questionnaires at baseline and after 8 weeks, 26 weeks, and 52 weeks. The primary outcome was the Western Ontario and McMaster Universities Osteoarthritis (WOMAC) index at the end of week 8 (adjusted for baseline score). All main analyses were by intention to treat.

Results 294 patients were enrolled from March 6, 2002, to January 17, 2003; eight patients were lost to follow-up after randomisation, but were included in the final analysis. The mean baseline-adjusted WOMAC index at week 8 was 26.9 (SE 1.4) in the acupuncture group, 35.8 (1.9) in the minimal acupuncture group, and 49.6 (2.0) in the waiting list group (treatment difference acupuncture vs minimal acupuncture – 8.8. [95\% CI –13.5 to –4.2], p = 0.0002; acupuncture vs waiting list –22.7 [–27.5 to –17.9], p < 0.0001). After 52 weeks the difference between the acupuncture and minimal acupuncture groups was no longer significant (p = 0.68).

Interpretation After 8 weeks of treatment, pain and joint function are improved more with acupuncture than with minimal acupuncture or no acupuncture in patients with osteoarthritis of the knee. However, this benefit decreases over time.
Acupuncture & Osteoarthritis

Witt et al. Lancet 2005
Figure 3: Development of the mean WOMAC Index in the three treatment groups
Vertical bars represent standard errors.

Witt et al. Lancet 2005
Effects of Ginkgo biloba in dementia: systematic review and meta-analysis

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Abstract
Background: The benefit of Ginkgo biloba has been discussed controversially. The aim of this review was to assess the effects of Ginkgo biloba in Alzheimer's disease as well as vascular and mixed dementia covering a variety of outcome domains.

Methods: We searched MEDLINE, EMBASE, the Cochrane databases, CINAHL and PsycINFO for controlled trials of ginkgo for Alzheimer's, vascular or mixed dementia. Studies had to be of a minimum of 12 weeks duration with at least ten participants per group. Clinical characteristics and outcomes were extracted. Meta-analysis results were expressed as risk ratios or standardized mean differences (SMD) in scores.

Results: Nine trials using the standardized extract EGb761 met our inclusion criteria. Trials were of 12 to 52 weeks duration and included 2372 patients in total. In the meta-analysis, the SMDs in change scores for cognition were in favor of ginkgo compared to placebo (-0.58, 95% confidence interval [CI] -1.14; -0.01, p = 0.04), but did not show a statistically significant difference from placebo for activities in daily living (ADLs) (SMD = -0.32, 95% CI -0.66; 0.03, p = 0.08). Heterogeneity among studies was high. For the Alzheimer subgroup, the SMDs for ADLs and cognition outcomes were larger than for the whole group of dementias with statistical superiority for ginkgo also for ADL outcomes (SMD = -0.44, 95% CI -0.77; -0.12, p = 0.008). Drop-out rates and side effects did not differ between ginkgo and placebo. No consistent results were available for quality of life and neuropsychiatric symptoms, possibly due to the heterogeneity of the study populations.

Conclusions: Ginkgo biloba appears more effective than placebo. Effect sizes were moderate, while clinical relevance is, similar to other dementia drugs, difficult to determine.
ADAS-cog=Alzheimer’s disease Assessment Scale cognitive subscale; ITT=intent-to-treat; LOCF=last observation carried forward; SD=standard deviation; SKT=Syndrom Kurz-Test; 95% CI=95% confidence interval.

**Figure 2** ITT/LOCF change scores for cognition outcomes (ADAS-cog, SKT) by individual trial and pooled standardized mean difference compared with placebo.
Gingko for Dementia

Figure 3 ITT/LOCF change scores for activities of daily living outcomes by individual trial and pooled standardized mean difference compared with placebo.

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Weinmann et al. BMC 2010
Tai Chi and Fall

Interventions for preventing falls in elderly people (Review)

Gillespie LD, Gillespie WJ, Robertson MC, Lamb SE, Cumming RG, Rowe BH
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Review

The effects of Tai Chi on fall prevention, fear of falling and balance in older people: A meta-analysis

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Tai Chi and Fall

Fig. 1. Overview of the search for relevant trials and papers (Rotterdam, the Netherlands, 2009).
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a Significant result.
Cancer and Chinese medicine

TCM as complementary therapy for Cancer

- Protect normal cell, i.e. reduce side effects
- Enhance potency of Chemo/RT
- Prolong life span of patients
- Reduce inflammation around cancer
- Improve general condition of patients
- Improve Quality of life for patients
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Anti-cancer TCM

Wendy et al. Planta Med 2010
Anti-cancer TCM

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Cellular and animal studies have provided strong molecular evidence of anticancer activities.

But...

- Does cellular and animal studies translate into human therapeutic effects?
- Do they have other side effects?
- How do they compare with standard chemotherapeutic agents?
Cancer and Chinese medicine

“In general, most of the published clinical studies are at evidence of level III; in other words, they were trials without rigorous randomization or they involve single group pre-post, cohort, time series, or matched case control studies. As a result, there are a number of contradictory reports regarind the therapeutic effectiveness of TCM on the treatment of cancer”

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Contemporary Clinical Research of Traditional Chinese Medicines for Chronic Hepatitis B in China: An Analytical Review

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Fig. 1. Numbers of publications reporting studies of TCM on HBV in China knowledge infrastructure from Jan., 1998 to June, 2008.
Fig. 2. Summary of studies reviewed and those selected for or excluded from this meta-analysis.
Table 2. Summary of 53 RCTs of TCMs for CHB in China (January 1988 to June 2008)

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<td>Age (years)</td>
<td>34.1 ± 2.8</td>
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<td>38.4 ± 3.8</td>
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<td>Male sex (%)</td>
<td>63.7 ± 16.3</td>
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<td>Duration of treatment (days)</td>
<td>145 ± 71.0 (90-260)</td>
<td>147 ± 85 (90-260)</td>
<td>150 ± 67.1 (90-190)</td>
<td>212 ± 155 (90-720)</td>
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<td>Normalization of serum ALT (%)</td>
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<td>41.7 ± 14.1</td>
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<td>Clearance of serum HBV DNA (%)</td>
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Data are presented as the mean ± standard deviation (range) unless indicated otherwise.
A systematic review of treating *Helicobacter pylori* infection with Traditional Chinese Medicine

Jiang Lin, Wei-Wen Huang
TCM and Helicobacter pylori

Table 1 Characteristics of randomized and controlled clinical trials treating *Helicobacter pylori* infection with TCM

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TCM: Traditional Chinese Medicine; PPI: Proton pump inhibitor; CBS: Colloidal bismuth subcitrate; RBC: Ranitidine bismuth citrate; A: Amoxillin; M: Metronidazole; T: Tinidazole; C: Clarithromycin; F: Furazolidone. NA: No available.

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### Table 2 \( H \text{ pylori} \) eradication rates comparison between TCM and triple therapies

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Chinese Medicine vs Western Medicine

- When there is a potent remedy in WM, why explore CM?

- When there is a potent remedy in WM with serious side effects, should we try CM?

- When there is no remedy in WM, should we try CM to relieve the symptom?
Combining Western and Chinese Medicine Practice

- Combined therapy has fewer side effects
- Consumer demand is high
- High acceptance for Chinese medicine
- Good clinical evidence for the efficacy in some (pain relief, dementia, fall)…but not other (hepatitis, infection) areas
What is Integrative Medicine?

Conventional Western Medicine

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Complementary and Alternative Medicine

**Natural products**: Herbal medicine

**Manipulative and body-based practices**: Massage, acupuncture

**Mind-body medicine**: Mindfulness

Medical care based on robust evidence and theoretical basis through a holistic, individualized approach of healing the mind, body and spirit
Institute of Integrative Medicine: Objectives

- *International hub for healthcare service, drug development, research and education*
  - Multidisciplinary specialist service
  - Herbal medicine development
  - International education center

- *Academic center with social responsibility*
  - High value-added economy (healthcare, education and innovation technology)
  - Affordable alternative medical service for the community
Institute of Integrative Medicine: Structure

Institute of Integrative Medicine

CUHK-UMB East-West Center
- Drug development and registration
- Translational clinical research
- Training and education

Integrative Medical Clinic
- Multidisciplinary specialist outpatient service
- Platform for clinical trials and clinical attachment
Integrative Medical Clinic: Model of care

- Combined diagnosis and management protocol
- Combined consultation
- Bi-directional referral system
- Family physician as coordinator for self-referrals
- Joint electronic medical record and streamlined appointment booking system
- Synergy with CUHK/PWH Medical Center
Role in research and education

- Research clinic session
  - Conduction of clinical trials
  - SFDA and FDA standard

- Teaching clinic session
  - Clinical attachment for students, practitioners and visiting scholars
Future development

- **Satellite clinics in downtown**
- **Inpatient consultation service in** Prince of Wales Hospital
- **Subsidized outpatient service for** under-privileged groups
CUHK-UMB Center for Integrative Medicine

CUHK

University of Maryland Baltimore (UMB)
Research in Integrative Medicine

- Translation clinical research for drug development and registration
  - Western and Eastern methodology and outcome measures
  - Mono-therapy or Combination therapy
- Industry-sponsored or investigator-initiated clinical trials
- Strategic plan for SFDA accreditation on TCM
Registration requirements of proprietary Chinese medicine in HK

- **Product safety**
  - Heavy metals, pesticide residues, microbial, toxicity, mutagenicity, carcinogenicity, teratogenicity

- **Product efficacy**
  - Pharmacodynamics; clinical trial data

- **Product quality**
  - Manufacturing method; physiochemical properties of crude drugs; product specification, method and certificate of analysis; stability test reports
Herbal medicine for digestive disorders

Tong Xie You Fang 痛瀉要方

He Zi 訶子
Bai Zhu 白朮
Hou Po 厚朴
Bai Shao 白芍
Yi Yi Ren 薏苡仁
Yan Hu Suo 延胡索
Huo Tan Mu 火炭母

Irritable bowel syndrome

Hemp Seed Pill 麻仁丸

Zhi Shi 枳實
Hou Po 厚朴
Xing Ren 杏仁
Bai Shao 白芍
Da Huang 大黃
Huo Ma Ren 火麻仁

Constipation

Qi Wei Bai Zhu Powder 七味白朮散

Fu Lin 茯苓
Ge Gen 葛根
Gan Cao 甘草
Bai Zhu 白朮
Ren Shen 人参
Mu Xiang 木香
Huo Xiang 藿香

Chemotherapy-related diarrhea
Other research in Integrative Medicine

- Public health issues
  - Jockey Club School of Public Health and Primary Care
  - Policy, financing and healthcare delivery model
- Branch of Cochrane Center on TCM and CAM
  - Systematic reviews and meta-analysis
- Basic science
  - Drug mechanism and development
Education and training: Highlights

- Postgraduate training in Chinese Medicine
  - Clinical research methodology
  - English speaking setting
  - Overseas experience

- Non-Chinese medicine streams
  - MBChB, BSc (Public Health), BPharm

- International networking
  - Visiting scholarships
  - Exchange program
  - Conferences and workshop
Partners: Hong Kong

- CUHK
  - School of Chinese Medicine
  - Oncology Acupuncture Center
  - Institute of Chinese Medicine
  - Jockey Club School of Public Health and Primary Care
  - School of Pharmacy
- School of Chinese Medicine, HKBU
- Hospital Authority
- Industrial partners
Partners: International

Center for Integrative Medicine, University of Maryland Baltimore, USA

National Institute of Complementary Medicine, Australia

Department of Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmaconopsy, University of Illinois, USA

Complementary and Integrative Medicine University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany

National Institute of Complementary Medicine, Australia
Target diseases

- Common
- Chronic or recurrent in nature
- No effective treatment or marked side effects in conventional Western medicine
- Well accepted CAM treatment with high demand in the public
Integrative Medicine

- **Digestive diseases**: Functional gastrointestinal disorder, Obesity
- **Neurological diseases**: Dementia, Stroke, Parkinson’s disease
- **Musculoskeletal diseases**: Chronic arthritis, Fibromyalgia, Chronic low back pain
- **Oncology**: Supportive care for chemotherapy, pain control
- **Psychological disorders**: Anxiety, Depression, Insomnia
- **Dermatology and Immunology**: Chronic eczema, Allergic rhinitis
- **Cardiovascular and Metabolic diseases**: Hypertension and Diabetes mellitus