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TITLE			
Title	1	Identify the report as a scoping review.	Page 1
ABSTRACT			
Structured summary	2	Provide a structured summary that includes (as applicable): background, objectives, eligibility criteria, sources of evidence, charting methods, results, and conclusions that relate to the review questions and objectives.	Page 2
INTRODUCTION			
Rationale	3	Describe the rationale for the review in the context of what is already known. Explain why the review questions/objectives lend themselves to a scoping review approach.	Page 3
Objectives	4	Provide an explicit statement of the questions and objectives being addressed with reference to their key elements (e.g., population or participants, concepts, and context) or other relevant key elements used to conceptualize the review questions and/or objectives.	Page 3
METHODS			
Protocol and registration	5	Indicate whether a review protocol exists; state if and where it can be accessed (e.g., a Web address); and if available, provide registration information, including the registration number.	None
Eligibility criteria	6	Specify characteristics of the sources of evidence used as eligibility criteria (e.g., years considered, language, and publication status), and provide a rationale.	Page 4
Information sources*	7	Describe all information sources in the search (e.g., databases with dates of coverage and contact with authors to identify additional sources), as well as the date the most recent search was executed.	Page 5
Search	8	Present the full electronic search strategy for at least 1 database, including any limits used, such that it could be repeated.	Page 5
Selection of sources of evidence†	9	State the process for selecting sources of evidence (i.e., screening and eligibility) included in the scoping review.	Page 5
Data charting process‡	10	Describe the methods of charting data from the included sources of evidence (e.g., calibrated forms or forms that have been tested by the team before their use, and whether data charting was done independently or in duplicate) and any processes for obtaining and confirming data from investigators.	Page 5
Data items	11	List and define all variables for which data were sought and any assumptions and simplifications made.	Page 5
Critical appraisal of individual sources of evidence§	12	If done, provide a rationale for conducting a critical appraisal of included sources of evidence; describe the methods used and how this information was used in any data synthesis (if appropriate).	None
Synthesis of results	13	Describe the methods of handling and summarizing the data that were charted.	Page 5

SECTION	ITEM	PRISMA-ScR CHECKLIST ITEM	REPORTED ON PAGE #
RESULTS			
Selection of sources of evidence	14	Give numbers of sources of evidence screened, assessed for eligibility, and included in the review, with reasons for exclusions at each stage, ideally using a flow diagram.	Page 6
Characteristics of sources of evidence	15	For each source of evidence, present characteristics for which data were charted and provide the citations.	Page 6-10
Critical appraisal within sources of evidence	16	If done, present data on critical appraisal of included sources of evidence (see item 12).	None
Results of individual sources of evidence	17	For each included source of evidence, present the relevant data that were charted that relate to the review questions and objectives.	Table 1 and S1
Synthesis of results	18	Summarize and/or present the charting results as they relate to the review questions and objectives.	Page 6-10
DISCUSSION			
Summary of evidence	19	Summarize the main results (including an overview of concepts, themes, and types of evidence available), link to the review questions and objectives, and consider the relevance to key groups.	Page 11-14
Limitations	20	Discuss the limitations of the scoping review process.	Page 14
Conclusions	21	Provide a general interpretation of the results with respect to the review questions and objectives, as well as potential implications and/or next steps.	Page 14
FUNDING			
Funding	22	Describe sources of funding for the included sources of evidence, as well as sources of funding for the scoping review. Describe the role of the funders of the scoping review.	Page 14

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File S2. The detailed search strategy

The PubMed database Search Strategy

((("COVID-19"[All Fields]) OR ("NCP"[All Fields]) OR ("2019-nCoV"[All Fields]) OR ("SARS-CoV-2"[All Fields]) OR ("2019 novel coronavirus"[All Fields])) AND ("moxibustion"[All Fields]))

Results 83

The Embase database Search Strategy

('covid-19'/exp OR 'covid-19' OR 'ncp' OR '2019-ncov'/exp OR '2019-ncov' OR 'sars-cov-2'/exp OR 'sars-cov-2' OR '2019novel coronavirus') AND ('moxibustion'/exp OR 'moxibustion')

Results 115

The Cochrane library database Search Strategy

("COVID-19" OR "NCP" OR "2019-nCoV" OR "SARS-CoV-2" OR "2019 novel coronavirus"):ti,ab,kw AND ("Moxibustion"):ti,ab,kw

Results 50

The Web of Science database Search Strategy

(COVID-19 OR NCP OR 2019-nCoV OR SARS-CoV-2 OR 2019novel coronavirus) AND Moxibustion

Results 28

The CNKI database Search Strategy

（主题： 艾灸 + 灸法 + 直接灸 + 隔姜灸 + 隔盐灸 + 附附子饼灸 + 艾条灸 + 温针灸 + 灯火灸 + 天灸 + 雀啄灸 + 温和灸（精确）） AND （主题： 新型冠状病毒肺炎 + 新型冠状病毒 + 新冠肺炎 + 新冠（精确））

Results 127

The SinoMed database Search Strategy

("艾灸"[常用字段:智能] OR "灸"[常用字段:智能] OR "灸法"[常用字段:智能] OR "直接灸"[常用字段:智能] OR "隔姜灸"[常用字段:智能] OR "隔盐灸"[常用字段:智能] OR "隔附子饼灸"[常用字段:智能] OR "艾条灸"[常用字段:智能] OR "温针灸"[常用字段:智能] OR "灯火灸"[常用字段:智能] OR "天灸"[常用字段:智能] OR "雀啄灸"[常用字段:智能] OR "温和灸"[常用字段:智能]) AND("新冠"[常用字段:智能] OR "新型冠状病毒"[常用字段:智能] OR "新冠肺炎"[常用字段:智能] OR "新型冠状病毒肺炎"[常用字段:智能])

Results 216

The Wan Fang database Search Strategy

主题:(艾灸 or 灸法 or 直接灸 or 隔姜灸 or 隔盐灸 or 附附子饼灸 or 艾条灸 or 温针灸 or 灯火灸 or 天灸 or 雀啄灸 or 温和灸) and 主题:(新型冠状病毒肺炎 or 新型冠状病毒 or 新冠肺炎 or 新冠)

Results 356

The VIP database Search Strategy

(题名或关键词=艾灸 or 灸法 or 直接灸 or 隔姜灸 or 隔盐灸 or 附附子饼灸 or 艾条灸 or 温针灸 or 灯火灸 or 天灸 or 雀啄灸 or 温和灸) AND (题名或关键词=新型冠状病毒肺炎 or 新型冠状病毒 or 新冠肺炎 or 新冠)

Results 68

Tables S1. Characteristics of included reviews

Subject	Study	Disease period	Complication	Population characteristics	Main acupoints
Rehabilitation of umbilical moxibustion with herbal medicine for the convalescence of COVID-19 based on traditional Chinese medicine	MA 2021 ^[1]	Convalescence	/	/	CV8
Effects of moxibustion on prevention and treatment of COVID-19	Wang 2020 ^[2]	Convalescence	If fever, cold, dampness	/	ST36, GB31, ST32
Discussion on moxibustion in the treatment of pandemic	Zhang 2020 ^[3]	/	subhealth	/	ST36, CV4, BL23
An application overview of moxa stick in COVID-19	He 2020 ^[4]	/	Fever, Cough, weakness	/	ST36, CV4, CV12
Prevention of COVID-19 from the perspective of moxibustion	Shuai 2020 ^[5]	/	/	/	CV8, CV4, CV12
Progress in the prevention and control of COVID-19 by moxibustion	Guan 2021 ^[6]	All period	Viscera function	/	CV8
Theoretical discussion on the application of moxibustion in the prophylaxis and treatment in COVID-19	Zhang 2020 ^[7]	/	cold dampness of lungs	/	CV8, ST36, SP9
Discussion on prevention and treatment of COVID-19 by moxibustion from ancient literature and modern research	Liu 2020 ^[8]	/	fever	/	ST36, GV14, LI11
Discussion on the prevention and treatment of seasonal epidemic diseases by moxibustion	Chen 2020 ^[9]	Infection, Convalescence,	Cytokine storm, fever	/	CV8, ST36, CV12
Analysis of the characteristics of acupoints selection on moxibustion treatment for patients with novel coronavirus pneumonia during the recovery period based on data mining technology	Tang 2021 ^[10]	Convalescence	Deficiency of lung and spleen qi	/	ST36, GV14, BL13
The advantage and value of moxibustion in the prevention and treatment of COVID-19	Teng 2020 ^[11]	Infection, Convalescence,	Anxiety/depression	/	CV8, ST36, GV14
Analysis of clinical application of moxibustion in prevention and treatment of Parkinson's Disease under COVID-19 epidemic situation	Wang 2021 ^[12]	/	PD	PD	CV8, ST36, LI4
Application status of air disinfection with wormwood smoke and discussion on its preventive mechanism	Ning 2021 ^[13]	/	/	/	/
Herbal textual studies on Artemisia argyria and the latest research on chemical constituents and antibacterial, antiviral activities of Artemisiae Argyi Folium	Geng 2020 ^[14]	/	/	/	/
Talking about Jiusheng of moxibustion is effective for heat syndrome	Lai 2021 ^[15]	/	fever	/	/

Subject	Study	Disease period	Complication	Population characteristics	Main acupoints
Combined with Coagulation-Fibrinolysis System to explore the advantages of moxibustion in improving pulmonary function and acupoint selection of COVID-19 convalescent Patient	Wu 2021 ^[16]	Convalescence	Hyaline thrombus Pulmonary fibrosis	/	Bei-Shu points, ST36, RN14
Application of moxibustion in the prevention and treatment of epidemic diseases	Cao 2021 ^[17]	Convalescence	/	/	CV8, ST36, CV5
Theoretical discussion on the prevention and treatment of COVID-19 with moxibustion therapy	Lai 2020 ^[18]	Convalescence	fever	/	ST36, CV5, CV12
Thoughts and methods of moxibustion for prevention and control of COVID-19	Zhang 2020 ^[19]	/	fever	/	ST36, CV5, CV12
Discussion on prevention and treatment of infectious diseases by using moxibustion for warming yang and strengthening body resistance to eliminate pathogenic cold and qi in ancient and modern literature	Xu 2021 ^[20]	/	/	/	CV8, ST25
Application of moxibustion in the prevention and treatment of COVID-19	Zhang 2020 ^[21]	/	/	/	ST36, CV5, CV4
Application value of moxibustion in epidemic prevention of COVID-19	Deng 2020 ^[22]	Infection, Convalescence,	/	/	CV8, ST36, BL13
Clinical application and research progress of moxibustion in treating pulmonary disease	Teng 2021 ^[23]	/	/	/	CV8, ST25
Medical theory and practice based on moxibustion heat, light and smoke factors for the prevention and treatment of COVID-19	Man 2022 ^[24]	/	/	/	/
The traditional Chinese medicine theory of moxibustion to prevent epidemic with warm	Sun 2020 ^[25]	/	/	/	/
Mechanism of moxibustion in preventing and treating COVID-19	Dai 2020 ^[26]	/	Viscera damage side effect of drug	/	ST36, LU5, ST40
Characteristics and thoughts of epidemic virus prevention of moxa smoke	Xiang 2020 ^[27]	/	/	/	/
Feasibility analysis of moxibustion whole process intervention in the prevention and treatment of COVID-19	Liu 2020 ^[28]	Infection, Convalescence,	Pulmonary fibrosis	/	/
Ancient literature and modern research on moxibustion prevention and treatment of epidemic diseases	Yang 2021 ^[29]	/	/	/	ST36, GV14, CV4

Subject	Study	Disease period	Complication	Population characteristics	Main acupoints
Discussion on acupoint selection of moxibustion in treating COVID-19 based on "Selecting Points According to Symptoms"	Zhang 2020 ^[30]	/	/	/	ST36, GV14, BL13
Research of professor CHEN Xinghua's cognition on the treatment of COVID-19 convalescence by the thunder-fire moxibustion	Zhou 2021 ^[31]	Convalescence	/	/	ST36, LU9, CV5
Treatment of COVID-19 with heat-sensitive moxibustion and its application	Chen 2020 ^[32]	/	/	/	CV8
Analysis on treatment thoughts of thunder-fire moxibustion during convalescence of novel coronavirus pneumonia	Lin 2021 ^[33]	/	/	/	CV5, CV4, CV12
Exploration and experience on "Heaven-Earth-Man" three parts moxibustion therapy in treatment of complicated influenza and fever	Chen 2020 ^[34]	/	/	/	GV20, CV8, KI1
COVID-19 prevention by umbilical moxibustion	Chen 2021 ^[35]	/	/	/	CV8
Prevention and treatment of COVID-19 by moxibustion at GV14 and ST36	Liu 2020 ^[36]	/	/	/	ST36, GV14
Feasibility analysis of early intervention of moxibustion in the prevention and treatment of COVID-19	Lv 2020 ^[37]	/	/	/	ST36, CV12, CV4
The application of Ren Meridian moxibustion and Du Meridian moxibustion to the prevention of the COVID-19 and recovery of constitution at the later stage	Asamikanno 2020 ^[38]	/	/	/	Ren Meridian (RN), Du Meridian (DU)
Du moxibustion therapy involving in prevention of COVID-19 and constitution regulating in recovery process after treatment of the disease	Xin 2020 ^[39]	/	/	/	Du Meridian (DU)
Characteristics of registered clinical trials on traditional Chinese medicine for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)	Luo 2021 ^[40]	/	/	/	ST36
Exploration on the feasibility of moxibustion in prevention and treatment of COVID-19 from the perspective of modern medical mechanism	Pan 2021 ^[41]	/	Pulmonary fibrosis	/	/
Home-based traditional Chinese medicine nursing interventions for discharged patients with COVID-19	Xu 2020 ^[42]	Convalescence	/	discharged patients with COVID-19	/
Discussion on the effect pathways of preventing and treating COVID-19 by acupuncture and moxibustion from the regulation of immune inflammatory response	He 2020 ^[43]	/	/	/	/

Subject	Study	Disease period	Complication	Population characteristics	Main acupoints
Analysis on the theory and clinical ideas of acupuncture and moxibustion for the prevention and treatment of COVID-19	Liu 2020 ^[44]	/	/	/	ST36, CV4, CV5
Acupuncture and moxibustion to treat pneumonia arising from Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) infection	Liang 2020 ^[45]	/	/	/	ST36, CV4, CV5
Thoughts on the effects of moxa smoke in the epidemic prevention	Liang 2020 ^[46]	/	/	/	ST36, CV4, CV5
Understanding of guidance for acupuncture and moxibustion interventions on COVID-19	Liu 2021 ^[47]	Convalescence	/	/	ST36, CV4, CV5

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Table S2. Characteristics of main acupoints reported by the included reviews and clinical research

Acupoint	Frequency	Name and meridian distribution	Clinical indications
ST36	39	zú sān lǐ, 足三里; Stomach meridian	Digestive organ diseases, headache and toothache, neuralgia, nasal diseases, heart disease, respiratory diseases, stomach sagging, loss of appetite, diarrhea, abdominal distension, vomiting, etc.
CV8	22	shén què, 神阙; Ren meridian	Stroke prostration, cold limbs, epilepsy, abdominal pain around the umbilicus, swelling and swelling, prolapse, discharge, constipation, urinary incontinence, infertility, etc.
CV6	21	qì hǎi, 气海; Ren meridian	Abdominal pain around the umbilicus, swelling, abdominal distension, diarrhea, enuresis, sperm, impotence, hernia, menstrual irregularities, dysmenorrhea, menstrual closure, collapse, postpartum lochia, body weakness, low back pain, loss of appetite, nocturia, children's stunting, etc.
CV4	21	guān yuán, 关元; Ren meridian	Stroke deregulation, fatigue and coldness, weakness, abdominal pain, cholera vomiting, dysentery, prolapse, urinary closure, premature ejaculation, menstrual irregularities, avalanche, vaginal itching, lochia, dizziness; urinary and genital diseases such as enuresis, blood in the urine, frequent urination, urinary retention, urethral pain, dysmenorrhea, amenorrhea; neurasthenia, insomnia, cold limbs, urticaria, physiological difficulties, energy loss, etc.
CV12	18	zhōng wǎn, 中脘; Ren meridian	Digestive system diseases, such as bloating, diarrhea, abdominal pain, swallowing acid, vomiting, constipation, jaundice, loss of appetite, dizziness, stomach pain, hiccups, sluggishness, inability to eat, constipation, insomnia, palpitations, energy loss, etc.
GV14	14	dà zhuī, 大椎; Du meridian	Fever, malaria, cough, wheezing, hot flashes, shoulder and back pain, pediatric convulsions, epileptic, fatigue, heat stroke, cholera, vomiting, jaundice, rubella, weak constitution of young children, asthma, neck pain, shoulder soreness, arm pain, etc.
BL13	12	fèi shū, 肺俞; Bladder meridian	Cough, wheezing, vomiting blood, bone steaming, hot flashes, night sweats, nasal congestion and other lung meridian and respiratory diseases, such as pneumonia, bronchitis, tuberculosis, etc.
LI4	10	hé gǔ, 合谷; Large intestine meridian	Headache, swelling and pain of the eyes, nosebleeds, toothache, deafness, sore throat, fever without sweating, hyperhidrosis, abdominal pain, constipation, menstrual closure, delayed delivery, etc.
ST25	7	tiān shū, 天枢; Stomach meridian	Bloating bowel sounds, pain around the umbilicus, constipation, diarrhea, menstrual irregularities, bloating, pain around the umbilicus, ascites, intestinal paralysis, dyspepsia, nausea and vomiting, etc.
LR3	6	tài chōng, 太冲; Liver meridian	Headache, dizziness, hernia, menstrual irregularities, dysentery, enuresis, pediatric convulsions, epilepsy, jaundice, vomiting, sore throat, red and swollen eyes, foot swelling, liver disease, toothache, eye disease, digestive disease, respiratory disease, reproductive system disease.
SP6	4	sān yīn jiāo, 三阴交; Spleen meridian	Abdominal distention, diarrhea, menstrual irregularities, infertility, sperm retention, enuresis, hernia, insomnia, paralysis of the lower extremities, physiological pain, swelling of the soles of the feet,

Acupoint	Frequency	Name and meridian distribution	Clinical indications
			overweight and too thin, physiological irregularities, cold hands and feet, menopausal disorders, gynecological diseases. In addition, it is also effective for stomach acid and loss of appetite.
PC6	4	nèi guān, 内关; Pericardium meridian	Heartache, palpitations, chest pain, stomach pain, vomiting, hiccups, insomnia, epilepsy, depression, dizziness, stroke, hemiplegia, asthma, migraine, fever, morning sickness, motion sickness, arm pain, headache, eye congestion, nausea and vomiting, chest and rib pain, epigastric pain, angina, menstrual pain, hiccups, diarrhea, mental abnormalities, etc.
BL17	4	gé shū, 膈俞; Bladder meridian	Hiccups, wheezing, cough, vomiting blood, hot flashes, night sweats, chronic bleeding disorders, anemia, neuropathic vomiting, urticaria, skin diseases, etc.
LU9	3	tài yuán, 太渊; Lung meridian	Cough, wheezing, coughing up blood, chest pain, sore throat, wrist and arm pain, pulselessness, wrist diseases, etc.
LU7	3	liè quē, 列缺; Lung meridian	Colds, headaches, strong necks, coughs, wheezing, sore throat, toothache, etc.
LU6	3	kǒng zuì, 孔最; Lung meridian	Cough, wheezing, coughing up blood, sore throat, elbow-arm cramps, hemorrhoids, asthma, hemorrhoids, elbow pain, etc.
GV12	3	shēn zhù, 身柱; Du meridian	Fever headache, cough, asthma, convulsions, epileptic epilepsy, strong pain in the lower back, children crying at night, convulsions, weak constitution of young children, etc.
BL12	3	fēng mén, 风门; Bladder meridian	Cold, cough, fever headache, neck strength, chest and back pain, neck pain, shoulder pain, etc.
ST40	2	fēng lóng, 丰隆; Stomach meridian	Headache, dizziness, sputum cough, vomiting, constipation and edema, epileptic pain, paralysis of the lower extremities, etc.
SP9	2	yīn líng quán, 阴陵泉; Spleen meridian	Bloating, abdominal pain, diarrhea, edema, jaundice, unfavorable or incontinence in urination, knee pain, dizziness, loss of appetite, low back and leg pain, urinary incontinence, dysmenorrhea, adnexitis, etc.
LU5	2	chǐ zé, 尺泽; Lung meridian	Cough, wheezing, coughing up blood, hot flashes in asthma, swelling of the chest, sore throat, convulsions in children, vomiting, elbow pain, arm pain, palpitations, etc.
LI11	2	qū chí, 曲池; Large intestine meridian	Sore throat, toothache, red eyes, epilepsy, arm swelling and pain, abdominal pain and vomiting, hypertension, epilepsy, rough skin, elbow pain, anemia, etc.
KI1	2	yǒng quán, 涌泉; Kidney meridian	Pain in the head, dizziness, dizziness, sore throat, dry tongue, aphasia, unfavorable urination, difficulty in stool, convulsions in children, fever in the foot, epilepsy, cholera tendons, etc.
BL11	2	dà zhū, 大杼; Bladder meridian	Cough, fever, neck strength, shoulder, back pain, etc.