

**Online Appendix 1 Details of Search Strategy Source: PubMed; Searched on: May 2022;
Results: 123**

Search	Query
#1	"Fatigue Syndrome, Chronic"[Mesh]
#2	Fatigue Syndrome, Chronic[Title/Abstract]
#3	chronic fatigue syndrome[Title/Abstract]
#4	CFS[Title/Abstract]
#5	Chronic Fatigue Disorder[Title/Abstract]
#6	Fatigue Disorder, Chronic[Title/Abstract]
#7	Myalgic Encephalomyelitis[Title/Abstract]
#8	ME [Title/Abstract]
#9	Encephalomyelitis, Myalgic[Title/Abstract]
#10	Systemic Exertion Intolerance Disease[Title/Abstract]
#11	Chronic Fatigue and Immune Dysfunction Syndrome[Title/Abstract]
#12	#1 OR #2 OR #3 OR #4 OR #5 OR #6 OR #7 OR #8 OR #9 OR #10 OR #11
#13	chinese herbal medicine[Title/Abstract]
#14	Chinese traditional[Title/Abstract]
#15	oriental traditional[Title/Abstract]
#16	traditional Chinese medicine[Title/Abstract]
#17	traditional Chinese medicinal materials[Title/Abstract]
#18	chinese herb* [Title/Abstract]
#19	herbal medicine[Title/Abstract]
#20	herbal or decoction[Title/Abstract]
#21	Tang[Title/Abstract]
#22	pill* [Title/Abstract]
#23	wan[Title/Abstract]
#24	Powder[Title/Abstract]
#25	Formula[Title/Abstract]
#26	Granule*[Title/Abstract]
#27	Capsule[Title/Abstract]
#28	Particles[Title/Abstract]
#29	Ointment[Title/Abstract]
#30	Prescription[Title/Abstract]
#31	Receipt[Title/Abstract]
#32	#13 OR #14 OR #15 OR #16 OR #17 OR #18 OR #19 OR #20 OR #21 OR #22 OR #23 OR #24 OR #25 OR #26 OR #27 OR #28 OR #29 OR #30 OR #31
#33	random* controlled trial[Title/Abstract]
#34	RCT[Title/Abstract]
#35	random* [Title/Abstract]
#36	placebo[Title/Abstract]
#37	#33 OR #34 OR #35 OR #36
#38	#12 AND #32 AND #37

Source: Cochrane Library; Searched on: May 2022; Results: 457

Search	Query
#1	MeSH descriptor: [Fatigue Syndrome, Chronic] explode all trees
#2	(Fatigue Syndrome, Chronic):ti,ab,kw
#3	(chronic fatigue syndrome):ti,ab,kw
#4	(CFS):ti,ab,kw
#5	(Chronic Fatigue Disorder):ti,ab,kw
#6	(Fatigue Disorder, Chronic):ti,ab,kw
#7	(Myalgic Encephalomyelitis):ti,ab,kw
#8	(ME):ti,ab,kw
#9	(Encephalomyelitis, Myalgic):ti,ab,kw
#10	(Systemic Exertion Intolerance Disease):ti,ab,kw
#11	(Chronic Fatigue and Immune Dysfunction Syndrome):ti,ab,kw
#12	#1 OR #2 OR #3 OR #4 OR #5 OR #6 OR #7 OR #8 OR #9 OR #10 OR #11
#13	(Chinese herbal medicine):ti,ab,kw
#14	(Chinese traditional):ti,ab,kw
#15	(Oriental traditional):ti,ab,kw
#16	(Traditional Chinese medicine):ti,ab,kw
#17	(Traditional Chinese medicinal materials):ti,ab,kw
#18	(Chinese herb*):ti,ab,kw
#19	(Herbal medicine):ti,ab,kw
#20	(Herbal or decoction):ti,ab,kw
#21	(Tang):ti,ab,kw
#22	(Pill*):ti,ab,kw
#23	(Wan):ti,ab,kw
#24	(Powder):ti,ab,kw
#25	(Formula):ti,ab,kw
#26	(Granule*):ti,ab,kw
#27	(Capsule):ti,ab,kw
#28	(Particles):ti,ab,kw
#29	(Ointment):ti,ab,kw
#30	(Prescription):ti,ab,kw
#31	(Receipt):ti,ab,kw
#32	#13 OR #14 OR #15 OR #16 OR #17 OR #18 OR #19 OR #20 OR #21 OR #22 OR #23 OR #24 OR #25 OR #26 OR #27 OR #28 OR #29 OR #30 OR #31
#33	(Random* controlled trial):ti,ab,kw
#34	(RCT):ti,ab,kw
#35	(Random*):ti,ab,kw
#36	(Placebo):ti,ab,kw
#37	#33 OR #34 OR #35 OR #36
#38	#12 AND #32 AND #37

Source: Embase; Searched on: May 2022; Results: 194

Search	Query
#1	'Fatigue Syndrome, Chronic'/exp

#2	'Fatigue Syndrome, Chronic':ab,ti
#3	'chronic fatigue syndrome':ab,ti
#4	'CFS':ab,ti
#5	'Chronic Fatigue Disorder':ab,ti
#6	'Fatigue Disorder, Chronic':ab,ti
#7	'Myalgic Encephalomyelitis':ab,ti
#8	'ME':ab,ti
#9	'Encephalomyelitis, Myalgic':ab,ti
#10	'Systemic Exertion Intolerance Disease':ab,ti
#11	'Chronic Fatigue and Immune Dysfunction Syndrome':ab,ti
#12	#1 OR #2 OR #3 OR #4 OR #5 OR #6 OR #7 OR #8 OR #9 OR #10 OR #11
#13	'Chinese herbal medicine'
#14	'Chinese traditional':ab,ti
#15	'Oriental traditiona':ab,ti
#16	'Traditional Chinese medicine':ab,ti
#17	'Traditional Chinese medicinal materials':ab,ti
#18	'Chinese herb*':ab,ti
#19	'Herbal medicine':ab,ti
#20	'Herbal or decoction':ab,ti
#21	'Tang':ab,ti
#22	'Pill*':ab,ti
#23	'Wan':ab,ti
#24	'Powder':ab,ti
#25	'Formula':ab,ti
#26	'Granule*':ab,ti
#27	'Capsule':ab,ti
#28	'Particles':ab,ti
#29	'Ointment':ab,ti
#30	'Prescription':ab,ti
#31	'Receipt':ab,ti
#32	#13 OR #14 OR #15 OR #16 OR #17 OR #18 OR #19 OR #20 OR #21 OR #22 OR #23 OR #24 OR #25 OR #26 OR #27 OR #28 OR #29 OR #30 OR #31
#33	'random* controlled tria':ab,ti
#34	'RCT':ab,ti
#35	'Random*':ab,ti
#36	'Placebo':ab,ti
#37	#33 OR #34 OR #35 OR #36
#38	#12 AND #32 AND #37

Source: Web of Science; Searched on: May 2022; Results: 351

Search	Query
#1	TS="Fatigue Syndrome, Chronic"
#2	TS="Fatigue Syndrome, Chronic"
#3	TS="chronic fatigue syndrome"

#4	TS="CFS "
#5	TS="Chronic Fatigue Disorder"
#6	TS="Fatigue Disorder, Chronic"
#7	TS="Myalgic Encephalomyelitis"
#8	TS="ME"
#9	TS="Encephalomyelitis, Myalgic"
#10	TS="Systemic Exertion Intolerance Disease"
#11	TS="Chronic Fatigue and Immune Dysfunction Syndrome"
#12	#1 OR #2 OR #3 OR #4 OR #5 OR #6 OR #7 OR #8 OR #9 OR #10 OR #11
#13	TS="Chinese herbal medicine"
#14	TS="Chinese traditional"
#15	TS="Oriental traditional"
#16	TS="Traditional Chinese medicine"
#17	TS="Traditional Chinese medicinal materials"
#18	TS="Herbal medicine"
#19	TS="Chinese herb* "
#20	TS="Herbal or decoction"
#21	TS="Tang"
#22	TS="pill*"
#23	TS="wan"
#24	TS="Powder"
#25	TS="Formula"
#26	TS="Granule*"
#27	TS="Capsule"
#28	TS="Particles"
#29	TS="Ointment"
#30	TS="Prescription"
#31	TS="Receipt"
#32	#13 OR #14 OR #15 OR #16 OR #17 OR #18 OR #19 OR #20 OR #21 OR #22 OR #23 OR #24 OR #25 OR #26 OR #27 OR #28 OR #29 OR #30 OR #31
#33	TS="Random* controlled trial"
#34	TS="RCT"
#35	TS="Random*"
#36	TS="Placebo"
#37	#33 OR #34 OR #35 OR #36
#38	#12 AND #32 AND #37

Search in Chinese: CNKI; Results: 250

TKA=(manxingpilaozonghezheng+manxingpilaozonghezheng+jitongxingnaojisuiyan+manxingpilao mianyingongnengzhangaizonghezheng+pilaozonghezheng) AND

TKA=(tang+san+wan+keli+fang+zhongyao+zhongcaoyao+pian+fa+gao+jiaonang+yin+ye+ji) AND

FT=(suiji) NOT TKA=(zhenci + zhen + zhenjiu + jiu + jinzhan + jizhi + shu + aiyinxingpifa + baguan + xuwei + qi + jinyan + shuhoupifa + tuina)

Search in Chinese: Wanfang Database; Results: 267

Zhuti:(manxingpilaozhonghezheng+manxingpilaozhonghezheng+jitongxingnaojisuiyan+manxingpilao mianyingongnengzhangaizonghezheng+pilaozhonghezheng) *

Zhuti:(tang+san+wan+keli+fang+zhongyao+zhongcaoyao+pian+fa+gao+jiaonang+yin+ye+ji)*Qua
nbu:(suiji) NOT Zhuti: (zhenci + zhen + zhenjiu + jiu + jinzhan + jizhi + shu + aiyinxingpifa + baguan
+ xuewei + qi + jinyan + shuhoupifa + tuina)

Search in Chinese: VIP database; Results: 158

(M=manxingpilaozhonghezheng+manxingpilaozhonghezheng+jitongxingnaojisuiyan+manxingpilao
mianyingongnengzhangaizonghezheng+pilaozhonghezheng)*(M=tang+san+wan+keli+fang+zhongya
o+zhongcaoyao+pian+fa+gao+jiaonang+yin+ye+ji)*(M=suiji) NOT (M=zhenci + zhen + zhenjiu +
jiu + jinzhan + jizhi + shu + aiyinxingpifa + baguan + xuewei + qi + jinyan + shuhoupifa + tuina)

The US Clinical Trials Registry: 3

Condition or disease: Fatigue Syndrome, Chronic OR Fatigue Syndrome, Chronic OR CFS OR
Chronic Fatigue Syndrome OR Myalgic Encephalomyelitis OR ME OR Encephalomyelitis, Myalgic
OR Chronic Fatigue Disorder OR Fatigue Disorder, Chronic OR Systemic Exertion Intolerance
Disease

Intervention/treatment:Chinese herbal medicine OR Chinese traditional OR Oriental traditional
OR traditional Chinese medicine OR traditional Chinese medicinal materials OR chinese herb OR
herbal medicine OR herbal OR decoction OR tang OR pill OR wan OR powder OR Formula

The Chinese Clinical Trials Registry : 26

Subject of registration: manxingpilaozhonghezheng