

Table 1: Search terms.

Dysmenorrhea in New Zealand				Prevalence, impact and treatment				
Dysmenorrh* “Menstrual pain” “Painful menstr*” “Period pain” “Menstrual cycle”	AND	“New Zealand” NZ Aotearoa	AND	Prevalence	OR	Impact Symptom Affect Consequence Risk Well-being School Academic University Social Family Relationship Sleep Sport Exercise “Physical activity” Extracurricular Professional Employment Stress Anxiety “Mental health” “Quality of life”	OR	Treat* Manage* Self-care Hormonal “Oral contraceptive pill” “Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs” “Electrical stimulation” Lifestyle Breathing Meditation Yoga Acupuncture Acupressure Massage Aromatherapy Mindfulness

*Truncation of root term in literature search.

Figure 1: PRISMA flow diagram of search screening results for a scoping review.

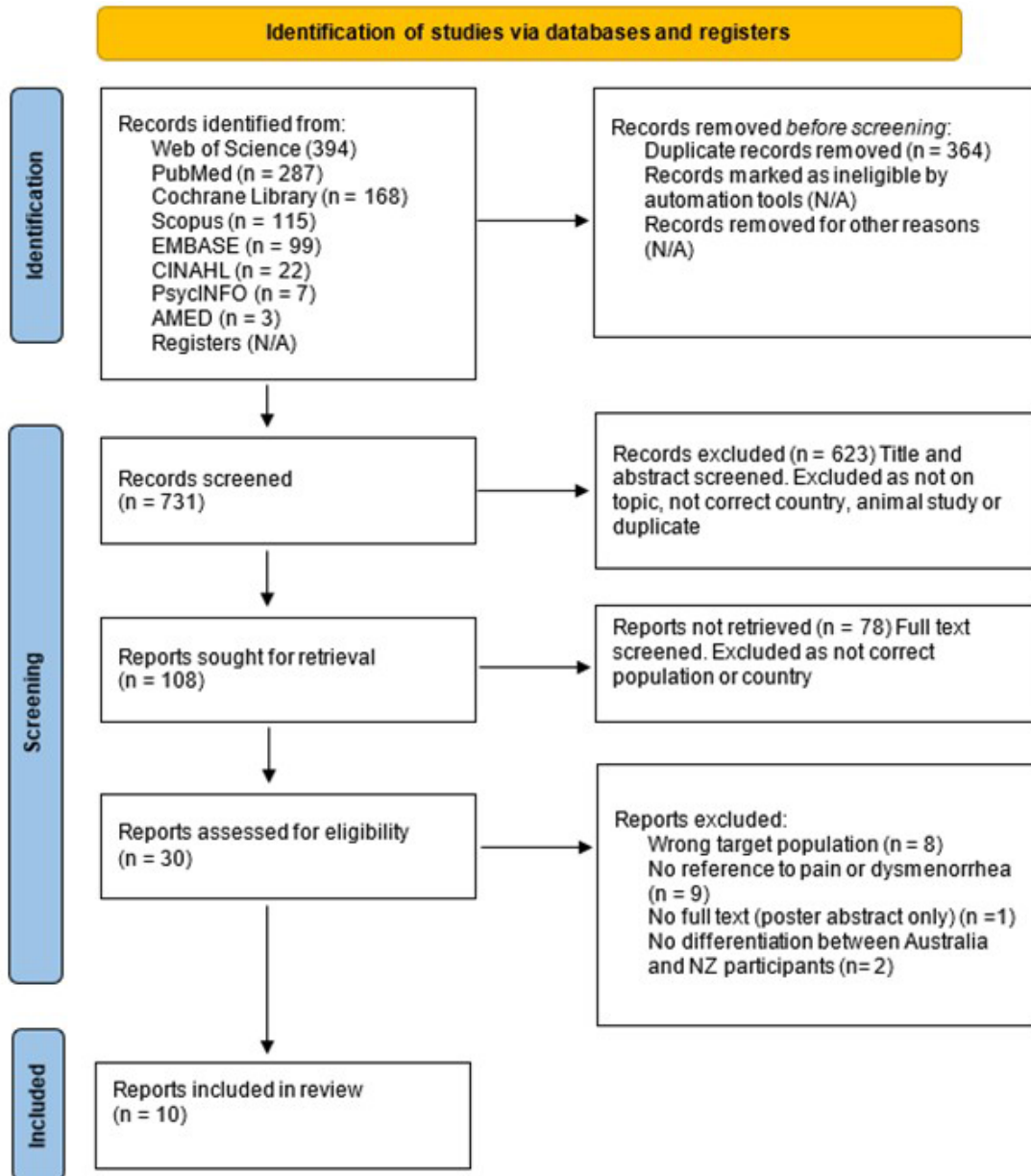


Table 2: Study characteristic and reported outcomes from the studies (n = 10) included in this scoping review.

Study characteristics			Participant characteristics				Outcomes
	Study type	Study design	Number of participants	Participant age (years)	Participant description	Ethnicities reported	Outcomes reported on
Pullon et al. 1988 ¹⁵ Reinken et al. 1990 ¹⁶	Quantitative	Cross-sectional Telephone questionnaire	1,456	16–54	Currently menstruating women recruited from a population of women who attended New Zealand general practice surgeries in Wellington in 1985	Not stated	1. Prevalence 2. Severity/symptoms 3. Impact
Grace, Zondervan 2004, ¹⁷ 2006 ¹⁸	Quantitative	Cross-sectional Random sample survey	1,160	18–50	Random sample of women from the electoral roll	European (83%) Māori (10%) Other (7%)	1. Prevalence 2. Severity/symptoms 3. Impact 4. Management/treatment
Farquhar et al. 2009 ¹⁹	Quantitative	Cross-sectional Pilot survey	78	16	School students from four secondary schools in Auckland	NZ European (19%) Māori (16%) Samoan (13%) Cook Island Māori (13%) Tongan (1%) Chinese (3%) Indian (1%) Other (8%) No data (26%)	1. Prevalence 2. Severity/symptoms 3. Impact 4. Management/treatment

Table 2 (continued): Study characteristic and reported outcomes from the studies (n = 10) included in this scoping review.

Kannan et al. 2015 ²⁰	Quantitative	Feasibility for RCT (Aerobic exercise intervention)	10	21–44	Women with self-reported PD, and menstrual pain scoring at least 4 on 10cm VAS for at least 2 consecutive months	NZ European (50%) Not stated (50%)	2. Severity/symptoms 4. Management/treatment 5. Perceived effectiveness
Armour et al. 2017 ²¹	Quantitative	RCT (TCM acupuncture intervention)	74	18–45	Confirmed or suspected PD	Not stated	2. Severity/symptoms 4. Management/treatment 5. Perceived effectiveness
Armour et al. 2016 ²²	Qualitative	Focus groups and semi-structured interviews	12	18–45	Small sample from Armour et al. 2017 RCT	Not stated	5. Perceived effectiveness
Righarts et al. 2018 ²³	Quantitative	Longitudinal cohort study questionnaire	429	13–38	Women from the Dunedin Multidisciplinary Health and Development Study	NZ European (92%) Not stated (8%)	1. Prevalence 2. Severity/symptoms
Kannan et al. 2019 ²⁴	Quantitative	RCT (Aerobic exercise intervention)	70	18–43	Women with confirmed PD	Reported in another publication: ²⁵ NZ European (40%) Māori (1%) Pacific peoples (6%) Asian (49%) African (4%)	2. Severity/symptoms 4. Management/treatment 5. Perceived effectiveness

PD = primary dysmenorrhoea; RCT = randomised controlled trial; TCM = traditional Chinese medicine.