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Highlights

- The use of complementary and alternative medicines is growing globally and one such field is acute respiratory tract infections (ARTI) in children;
- Despite its growth and popularity, to date, there has been no systematic mapping of what types of CAM are used to treat ARTI in children. This is an important knowledge gap to address.
- This systematic review, first of its kind, maps various CAM used to treat ARTI in children.
- A number of interesting findings emerge including huge diversity in the CAM used, the reliance on CAM which serve dual purpose (such as foods) and driven by local culture, context and access;
- Commonly used western CAM treatments for ARTI in children were not featured in the included literature

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