Introduction

Review question / Objective: To evaluate the short-term effect and major parameter control of electroacupuncture in the treatment of migraine.

Rationale: Migraine is a common neurological disorder, but there is no satisfactory intervention. Acupuncture has been shown to reduce migraine attacks in the short term. Electroacupuncture as a form of acupuncture is an effective way to treat migraine. However, its short-term effects and related parameter control still
need to be tested by high level experiments.

Condition being studied: Randomized controlled clinical trials (RCTs).

METHODS

Search strategy: We will search the Cochrane controlled trial centre registry (CENTRAL), MEDLINE, EMBASE, AMED (by OVID) and four Chinese databases (China biomedical literature database, national knowledge infrastructure, China science and technology journal database and wanwan database) from which we will be established until 1 May 2020. Limited language for Chinese, English. Refer to tests that may meet the criteria.

Participant or population: Migraineurs.

Intervention: Acupuncture, electroacupuncture.

Comparator: The control intervention was no treatment, other treatment (medication, relaxation, physical therapy, etc.) or sham surgery.

Study designs to be included: Searched the literature, sifted through the studies, extracted the data, and then cross-checked them when they disagreed.

Eligibility criteria: Migraineurs regardless of gender, age, or ethnicity.

Information sources: The Cochrane controlled trial centre registry (CENTRAL), MEDLINE, EMBASE, AMED (by OVID) and four Chinese databases (China biomedical literature database, national knowledge infrastructure, China science and technology journal database and wanwan database).

Main outcome(s): To observe the frequency and duration of migraines after one course of electroacupuncture and the control group for nearly one month.

Additional outcome(s): Migraine-related symptoms (nausea, photophobia, phobias). - adverse events.

Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis: The two reviewers will independently assess the risk of bias for each included RCT using the Cochrane collaboration's bias risk tool. Differences will be resolved by discussion or consensus with the third reviewer.

Strategy of data synthesis: All relevant data will be extracted and analyzed. Pooled homogeneous data and performed a meta-analysis. If a meta-analysis is not possible, a synthesis of descriptive data will be provided.

Subgroup analysis: We will study the effects of two subgroup analyses based on primary and secondary outcomes: 1. Episodic migraine vs. chronic migraine 2. Acupuncture VS control group.

Sensibility analysis: Based on the results of heterogeneity, we will use a random or fixed effect model to examine the trials one by one and exclude some trials that have a greater impact on the combined experiments to reduce or exclude heterogeneity.

Language: English.

Country(ies) involved: China.

Keywords: Electroacupuncture, migraine.

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