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Risk factors for acute kidney injury after surgery of type A acute aortic dissection: a meta-analysis

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INTRODUCTION

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METHODS

Search strategy: Studies on risk factors for AKI after TAAAD surgery were searched from PubMed, Embase, Cochrane library and Web of science from January 2000 to June 2020. The search keywords were "Aneurysm, Dissecting" AND "Acute Kidney Injury" AND "Risk Factors". The search strategy was combined with subject words and free words. At the same time, references of the included studies were manually searched to identify potential references that met the inclusion criteria.

Participant or population: Patients with TAAAD surgery (diagnosed by CT/ MRI, ultrasound), with age \geq 18 years.

Intervention: Risk factors for AKI after TAAAD surgery. The multivariate logistic regression analysis was adopted in the original studies, and odds ratios (OR) values and 95% confidence intervals (CI) of the risk factors were provided.

Comparator: Patients with no AKI after TAAAD surgery.

Study designs to be included: Case-control studies of risk factors for AKI after TAAAD surgery are included.

Eligibility criteria: (1) Study type: casecontrol study of risk factors for AKI after TAAAD surgery; (2) Subjects: Patients with TAAAD surgery (diagnosed by CT/ MRI, ultrasound), with age ≥ 18 years; (3) Research contents: Risk factors for AKI after TAAAD surgery. The definitions of all risk factors were similar. The diagnostic criteria of AKI included three most commonly used criteria, RIFLE (Risk, Injury, Failure, Loss of function, End-stage renal disease), AKIN (Acute Kidney Injury Network) or KDIGO (Kidney Disease Improving Global Outcomes). (4) Outcome indicators: The multivariate logistic regression analysis was adopted in the original studies, and odds ratios (OR) values and 95% confidence intervals (CI) of the risk factors were provided.

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Main outcome(s): The OR values and its 95% CI were used as effect indexes for counting data.

Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis: The Newcastle-Ottawa Scale (NOS) is used to evaluate the study quality, and above 6 stars obtained is of high quality. The funnel plot is used to detect publication bias.

Strategy of data synthesis: RevMan5.3 software was used for statistical analysis. The OR values and its 95% CI were used as effect indexes for counting data. The heterogeneity of the included studies was tested by Q test and I2. If I20.1, suggesting homogeneity among studies, fixed effect

model was used for combination analysis. If 12>50% or P<0.1, suggesting heterogeneity among studies, random effect model was used for combination analysis, and sensitivity analysis was used to find the source of heterogeneity. The combined OR value and its 95%CI of risk factors were calculated, and P<0.05 was considered statistically significant.

Subgroup analysis: We will not use subgroup analysis.

Sensibility analysis: If there will be heterogeneity among studies, random effect model was used for combination analysis, and sensitivity analysis will be used to find the source of heterogeneity.

Country(ies) involved: China.

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