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METHODS

Participant or population: Patient after joint replacement.

Intervention: Malnutrition.

Comparator: None malnutrition.

Study designs to be included: observational epidemiological studies (retrospective or prospective).

Eligibility criteria: Studies were eligible if they included patients with total knee or hip arthroplasty, evaluated malnutrition as a risk factor for SSI and/or PJI, and reported (or provided sufficient data to determine) an effect estimate with its confidence interval (CI).

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Main outcome(s): Surgical site and periprosthetic joint infections (SSIs and PJIs).

Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis: The risk of bias in included studies will be examined using the NewcastleOttawa Scale, a validated tool that incorporates information on three predefined domains: selection of the study groups; comparability of the groups; and ascertainment of either the exposure or outcome of interest for case-control or cohort studies, respectively.

Strategy of data synthesis: Pooled effect estimates and 95% CIs will be calculated under the assumption of a random-effects model. Publication bias will be evaluated using

the Begg's and Egger's tests, as well as the funnel plot.

Subgroup analysis: Subgroup analysis will be performed for total knee joint and total hip joint.

Sensitivity analysis: Sensitivity analysis by STATA 14.2.

Country(ies) involved: China.

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