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METHODS

Search strategy: We searched for articles in PubMed, EMBASE, and Cochrane Library.The keywords utilized were as follows: "neoplasm", "carcinoma", "malignant neoplasm", "avelumab", "atezolizumab", "camrelizumab", "cetrelimab", "camrelizumab", "pembrolizumab", "nivolumab", "pembrolizumab", "bintrafusp alfa", "envafolimab", "cemiplimab", "sintilimab", "durvalumab", "pidilizumab", "toripalimab", "ipilimumab", "tislelizumab", "porton pump inhibitors", "omeprazole", "pantoprazole", "Iansoprazole", "rabeprazole", "esomeprazole", "dexlansoprazole".

Participant or population: Cancer patients treated with ICI.

Intervention: Proton pump inhibitors.

Comparator: Non proton pump inhibitors exposure.

Study designs to be included: Retrospective cohort studies.

Eligibility criteria: (1) studies focusing on patients with solid malignant tumors receiving ICI therapy; (2) providing information concerning hazard ratios (HRs) for overall survival (OS) and/or progression-free survival (PFS) for patients using PPI compared to those who did not.

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Data management: The following information was collated from the selected articles: the first author, publication year, type of cancer, region, sample size, immunotherapy agents, PPI use and HR and 95% confidence intervals (CIs) for OS and/or PFS between PPI users and nonusers.

Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis: Risk of bias was assessed based on Newcastle-Ottawa scale. Two reviewers graded the studies from the following aspects: subject selection, comparability, and the evaluation of the outcome.

Strategy of data synthesis: The pooled HR and 95% CIs of OS and PFS were calculated, with HR>1.0 indicating a worse outcome in the PPI user arm. Randomeffects models were adopted using Review Manager (RevMan 5.3; The Cochrane Collaboration, Oxford, United Kingdom). Egger's tests for detecting publication bias and sensitivity analysis were performed using Stata version 15.1 (Stata Corp, College Station, TX).

Subgroup analysis: Subgroup analyses were conducted to explore whether the influence of PPI use varied between different types of cancer.

Sensibility analysis: Sensibility analysis was utilized to examine whether the results could have been influenced by a single study by removing one study at a time. We use STATA 15.1 software to conduct it.

Language: English.

Country(ies) involved: China.

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