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Global agricultural labor productivity in the face of climate change

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Review question / Objective: This systematic review will examine the effects of thermal stress on the productivity of agriculture workers.

Condition being studied: Agricultural labor productivity loss due to environmental heat/cold stress.

Information sources: Electronic databases: PubMed; Scopus; and ProQuest: Agricultural and Environmental Science Collection.

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INTRODUCTION

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METHODS

Search strategy: Pubmed & Scopus algorithm: (("Productivity"[Title/Abstract] OR "labor"[Title/Abstract]) AND

((("occupation*" [Title/Abstract] OR "worker*" [Title/Abstract]) OR "harvester*" [Title/Abstract]) OR "farmer*" [Title/Abstract])) AND ("Heat" [Title/Abstract] OR "thermal" [Title/Abstract]); ProQuest - Agricultural & Environmental Science Collection algorithm: (ab(Productivity) OR ab(Labor) OR ti(Productivity) OR ti(Labor)) AND (ab(Occupation*) OR ab(Worker*) OR ab(Harvester*) OR ab(Farmer*) OR ti(Occupation*) OR ti(Worker*) OR ti(Harvester*) OR ti(Farmer*)) AND (ab(heat) OR ab(thermal) OR ti(heat) OR ti(thermal)).

Participant or population: Agriculture workers.

Intervention: Non-applicable.

Comparator: Non-applicable.

Study designs to be included: Observational studies investigating the effects of thermal stress on the productivity of agriculture workers.

Eligibility criteria: Field studies investigating the effects of thermal stress on the productivity of workers who perform labor in agriculture.

Information sources: Electronic databases: PubMed; Scopus; and ProQuest: Agricultural and Environmental Science Collection.

Main outcome(s): The main outcome of the current systematic search will be a meta-correlation analysis describing the association between occupational heat/cold stress and productivity.

Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis: Two independent reviewers will assess the methodological quality of the included studies, and any disagreements will be resolved by consensus.

Strategy of data synthesis: We will provide a narrative description of the findings of the eligible studies. Tables will be produced to detail the included studies and their

outcomes. Furthermore, a meta-correlation analysis for eligible studies will be conducted using STATA 16.0 software (Stata Corporation, College Station, TX, USA) investigating the association between occupational heat/cold stress and productivity loss in agriculture.

Subgroup analysis: Non-applicable.

Sensibility analysis: Sensitivity analysis will be performed to test the robustness of study findings by eliminating low quality trials.

Language: English.

Country(ies) involved: Greece.

Keywords: Agriculture; Productivity; Labor Loss; Thermal Stress; Heat; Cold.

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