Efficacy of an novel Oral Janus Kinase 1 Inhibitor Abrocitinib on for patients with Atopic Dermatitis: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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INTRODUCTION

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Rationale: Abrocitinib is an oral, once-daily JAK 1 selective inhibitor, which modulates IL-4 and IL-13 and other cytokines that involved in the pathogenesis of AD while sparing JAK 2 inhibition and minimizing the risk for neutropenia and anemia. Oetjen et al. found inhibition of neuronal JAK1 pathways can ameliorate pruritus. Several clinical trials have shown the efficacy of abrocitinib in the treatment of atopic dermatitis, but with few systemic and meta-analysis.
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**METHODS**

**Search strategy:** Two investigators will search the databases like Pubmed, Embase, Cochrane central register of controlled trials (CENTRAL), LILACS, web of science, and gov.trials.

**Participant or population:** Moderate-to-severe adult atopic dermatitis patients.

**Intervention:** Abrocitinib.

**Comparator:** Placebo.

**Study designs to be included:** Phase II and phase III randomized clinical trials.

**Eligibility criteria:** Random controlled trials, with population of moderate-to-severe atopic dermatitis patients, above 18 years old, in English and with full-text accessible.

**Information sources:** Electronic databases, trial registers, and grey literature.

**Main outcome(s):** The efficacy of abrocitinib in the treatment of dermatology, in EASI, IGA comparing to placebo.

**Additional outcome(s):** Efficacy of abrocitinib in a different dose and the safety of this biologics.

**Data management:** Two investigators will extract the data.

**Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis:** Cochrane Risk of Bias Tool for Randomized Controlled Trials will be used to evaluate the literature quality, three groups of study quality will be defined as high, middle, and low. A funnel plot and Egger test will be used to access the publication bias, and Eggers test overruled when results diverged between methods.

**Strategy of data synthesis:** We will perform a random effect analysis due to considerable heterogeneity and 95% confidence intervals will be used. Statistical heterogeneity will be assessed through I^2 statistic.

**Subgroup analysis:** Subgroup analyses were only performed if there were sufficient data. Subgroup analysis will be performed according to different dosage.

**Sensibility analysis:** Given considerable heterogeneity, random effect analysis will be used.

**Language:** English.

**Country(ies) involved:** China.

**Keywords:** Atopic dermatitis, abrocitinib, JAK inhibitors.

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