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# Efficacy and safety of Shenling **Atractylodes Powder in the treatment** of ulcerative colitis: a protocol for systematic review and meta analysis

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# **INTRODUCTION**

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### **METHODS**

Participant or population: Have clear and recognized diagnostic criteria and efficacy criteria, and all patients were diagnosed UC, there are no restrictions on the sex, age, occupation, course of disease, source of cases.

Intervention: Oral Shenling Atractylodes Powder plus or minus prescription therapy, or based on oral Shenling Atractylodes Powder plus or minus prescription will also be included.

**Comparator:** The control group will receive one of the following treatments: routine medication, non-treatment and placebo.

Study designs to be included: The clinical randomized controlled trial (RCTs) included Shenling Atractylodes Powder and UC, the publication state is unlimited, the language is Chinese or English.

**Eligibility criteria:** Reported in chinese and English, and meet the "PICOS", will be considered for inclusion in this overview.

### Information sources: PubMed、Embase、

Web of Science, Cochrane library, China National knowledge Infrastructure, China Science and Technology Journal Database, Wanfang Database and China Biomedical Literature Database.

Main outcome(s): colonic mucosal symptom score, total effective rate, clinical symptom score, recurrence rate Mayo enteroscopy grading. Additional outcome(s): IL-6、IL-9、TNF-α、 IL-4、IL-10 the level of inflammatory related factors and the total incidence of adverse reactions.

Data management: The two researchers independently read the title and abstract of the literature we obtained, read the full text of the trials that might meet the inclusion criteria to determine whether the inclusion criteria were truly met, and discussed the conflicting literatures or let the third researcher decide whether to include them. Two researchers independently extracted data from the included studies, including study design, intervention measures and methods, measurement indicators, results, methodological contents such as hidden grouping and blind method, etc., and a third evaluator checked the consistency of the data. If the required information is incomplete, we will contact the original author for the required data.

Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis:

Two evaluators independently select the literature according to the inclusion and exclusion criteria and cross-check. In case of disagreement, a third evaluator will assist in the decision. The extracted data included the first author, year of publication, number of patients, age, gender, intervention measures, outcome indicators, etc. The Jadad scale to evaluate quality into literature, including: random sequence (right 2 points, 1 points not clear, inappropriate 0), distribution, hidden (right 2 points, 1 points not clear, inappropriate 0), blinded (right 2 points, 1 points not clear, inappropriate 0), lost to follow-up and exit (describe 1 points, not describe 0); 0-3 is classified as low quality and 4-7 as high quality.

Strategy of data synthesis: Meta analysis will be performed using Rev Man5.3.0 software. The odds ratio (OR) and its 95% Confidence Interval (CI) will be used as the counting data, while the weighted mean difference (WMD) and its 95% CI will be used as the measurement data. Subgroup analysis: The heterogeneity test will be carried out first among all studies, I2 test will be used. When P > 0.1 and I2 < 50%, the fixed effect model will be used; otherwise, the random effect model will be used. When the clinical heterogeneity between the two studies is large, only descriptive analysis will be performed.

Sensitivity analysis: The goal of sensitivity analysis is to identify the sources of heterogeneity and confounding factors. If the trials' data is suffificient, a sensitivity analysis will be performed by excluding the low-quality or high-weight studies one by one.

Language: No restriction.

Country(ies) involved: China.

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