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METHODS

Participant or population: We will include adults and children undergoing out-of-hospital CPR for any reason. All causes and ages will be included.

Intervention: Continuous chest compression CPR (with or without rescue breathing) will be considered as an intervention group.

Comparator: Standard CPR (alternating repeated chest compression and rescue breathing at a fixed rate) by the guidelines as a control group.

Study designs to be included: Only randomized controlled trials (RCTs) and quasi-randomized controlled trials will be included in this study.

Eligibility criteria: Studies will be excluded if they met at least one of the following criteria: (1) observational studies, including case-control and cohort studies; (2) Case reports, comments, editorials and letters to the editor; (3) Repetitive studies, in vitro studies, or animal studies.

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Main outcome(s): Primary outcomes to be assessed are survival at hospital admission, discharge, and 30-day, and return of spontaneous circulation.

Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis: The Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation framework will be used to evaluate the quality of evidence.

Strategy of data synthesis: The Cochrane's tool for assessing risk of bias to evaluate deviation risk. If the I² statistic is less than 40%, fixed effect model will be used for meta-analysis. If the I² statistic is greater than 40%, we will use random effects model for meta-analysis.

Subgroup analysis: If enough studies are included, we plan to divide participants into dispatcher-assisted chest compression-only bystander CPR and unassisted chest compression-only bystander CPR for subgroup analysis.

Sensitivity analysis: In order to confirm whether the results of the systematic review are affected by uncertain decisions, we will conduct a sensitivity analysis.

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