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### INTRODUCTION

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#### **METHODS**

Participant or population: In this study, we selected the older adults with mild-to-moderate cognitive impairment.

Intervention: In the study, we sclect the articles with the mind-body exercise intervention by Tai Ji, Tai Chi, TaiJiQuan, Wuqinxi, Qigong and so on.

**Comparator: None.** 

#### Study designs to be included: RCT.

Eligibility criteria: The literature inclusion criteria: (1) The subjects were elderly with mild to moderate cognitive impairment, or those whose cognitive function assessment satisfied the Mini-mental State Examination (MMSE) score of 10-27, or with the Montreal Cognitive Assessment Scale (MOCA) <26 points, conforming to the evaluation criteria of the fourth edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-IV-R) revised by the American Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, with normal activities of daily living. (2) A study was regarded as two studies if there were two experimental groups. (3) The type of study was randomized controlled trial (RCT). The literature exclusion criteria: (1) The subjects of the experimental group were patients with severe cognitive impairment or normal elderly with Mini-mental State Examination (MMSE) 27 points, and **Montreal Cognitive Assessment Scale** (MOCA)  $\geq$ 26 points. (2) There was no single exercise intervention group. (3) Repeatedly published and poorly assessed literature. (4) Literature with unclear experimental data which could not be calculated.

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Main outcome(s): Various scales and tests used to assess cognitive function include Mini-Mental State Examination (MMSE), Montreal Cognitive Assessment (MOCA), Alzheimer's Disease Assessment Scale-Cognitive Section (ADAS-cog), Wechsler Memory Scale, Trail Making Test (TMT), Auditory Verbal Learning Test (AVLT), Stroop word color test, animal naming test, etc.

#### Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis:

Two researchers independently screened the literature based on the inclusion and exclusion criteria of the literature, crosschecked, and extracted relevant data. If there were differences in the stages of mutual review, screening of literature, and data extraction, the third researcher would discuss whether to include.

Strategy of data synthesis: Use Review Manager 5.3 to process the data in the literature, perform effect size consolidation and heterogeneity test on the outcome indicators, and draw a forest map. The literature outcome indicators included in this study were all continuous variables. The effect size was expressed by Mean Difference (MD) and Standardized Mean Difference (SMD), and the 95% confidence interval (95% CI) was calculated at the same time. This meta-analysis strictly followed the PRISMA guidelines. The level of the meta-analysis was set as  $\alpha$ =0.05, and the P value and I2 were used for the heterogeneity test. If there was no statistical heterogeneity among the results of the studies (I2≤50%, P >0.10), fixed effects model was selected. If there was statistical heterogeneity among the studies, the source of the heterogeneity shall be further analyzed, and after the influence of obvious clinical heterogeneity has been excluded, the random effects model shall be used for analysis.

Subgroup analysis: Planede subgroup analyses will be: (1) Type of exercise intervention; (2) Type of exercise frequency; (3) Type of exercise intensity; (4) Type of exercise duration.

Sensitivity analysis: The review manager was used for sensitivity analysis of results with high heterogeneity.

Country(ies) involved: China.

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