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## Meta-analysis of risk factors for postoperative hemorrhagic complications after treatment of intracranial aneurysms with flow-diversion devices

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**INPLASY registration number:** This protocol was registered with the International Platform of Registered Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis Protocols (INPLASY) on 24 April 2021 and was last updated on 24 April 2021 (registration number INPLASY202140122).

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## METHODS

**Participant or population:** Literature that met the following criteria were included: (1) design type of case-control study or cohort study; (2) Patients were from single treatment center or multiple centers, and the number of follow-up observation cases was  $\geq 10$ ; (3) Literature published at home and abroad as of March 31, 2021, involving one or more risk factors for postoperative hemorrhagic complications after FDD treatment; (4) Data provided in the study results that can be converted into OR value, 95%CI and standard error (SE). Exclusion criteria for any of the following are ruled out: (1) the repetition of published literature; (2) Literature from the same region in the same year; (3) Insufficient basic information of patients; (4) Insufficient research data OR no OR value extraction and 95%CI; (5) Serious research loss of follow-up; (6) Reviews, case reports and animal experiments.

**Intervention:** Patients with bleeding complications after treatment with flow-diversion devices

**Comparator:** Patients without complications after treatment with flow-diversion devices

**Study designs to be included:** All the included studies were observational.

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**Main outcome(s):** Whether anterior communicating aneurysm, history of subarachnoid hemorrhage, number of flow-diversion devices (FDD) ( $\geq 2$ ), aneurysm size, and P2Y12 response unit (PRU) are independent risk factors for hemorrhagic complications after flow-directed device treatment of intracranial aneurysms.

**Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis:** Observational studies used the Newcastle-Ottawa Scale (NOS) to evaluate the quality of literature.

**Strategy of data synthesis:** The statistical analysis was performed using Review Manager 5.3 software, and the Cochrane Q test was used to analyze the heterogeneity among the studies, and  $I^2$  was used to evaluate the magnitude of heterogeneity among the included studies. When  $P > 0.1$  and  $I^2 < 50\%$ , it indicated that there was no statistical heterogeneity among the studies and a fixed-effect model was used; if the cause of heterogeneity was unknown and the degree of heterogeneity was within an acceptable range, a random-effect model was selected. Sensitivity analysis was performed by single exclusion of one study and exclusion of low-quality studies. Publication bias was evaluated visually using funnel plots.  $p < 0.05$  indicates a statistical difference.

**Subgroup analysis:** If subgroup analysis is performed, depending on data results.

**Sensitivity analysis:** Sensitivity analysis was carried out by excluding one study at a time and excluding low-quality studies.

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

**Keywords:** Intracranial aneurysm; Flow diversion device; Hemorrhagic complications; Risk factors; Meta analysis.

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