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INTRODUCTION

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METHODS

Participant or population: Children with complete and incomplete Kawasaki disease.

Intervention: Incomplete Kawasaki disease.

Comparator: Complete Kawasaki disease

Study designs to be included: Cohort study.

Eligibility criteria: Inclusion criteria (1) The types of studies selected for this metaanalysis were cohort studies; (2) The experimental group of the study was IKD patients; the control group was CKD patients; (3) The included studies needed to contain at least one of the following indicators: Extremity changes, Rash polymorphic, Contival Hyperemia/ Conjunctivitis, Lip/oral mucosal changes, Cervical lymph nodes, platelet count (PLT), white blood cell count (WBC), hemoglobin (Hb), erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR) and C-reactive protein (CRP); (4) The observed subjects of the included studies were KD patients with definite diagnosis; (5) The reported data in the literature were complete. Exclusion criteria : (1) The results are not completely statistically analyzed or relevant data are insufficient; (2) Repeated publication of literature; (3) The study subjects are not CKD and IKD; (4) Conference, meta-analysis, and review literature.

Information sources: PubMed, Embase, Cochrane Library, CNKI, VIP, Wangfang Database, and CBM. Main outcome(s): Extremity changes, Rash polymorphic, Conjunctival Hyperemia/ Conjunctivitis, Lip/oral mucosal changes, Cervical lymph nodes, platelet count (PLT), white blood cell count (WBC), hemoglobin (Hb), erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR) and C-reactive protein (CRP).

Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis:

The included studies were cohort studies. Quality assessment of cohort studies was performed using the Newcastle-Ottawa (NOS) scale, a quality evaluation tool specifically for case-control studies and cohort studies. The evaluation included three aspects: selection (four items), comparability (one item), and outcome (three items). Among them, the maximum score of each item of selection and outcome was 1, the full score of comparable items was 2, and the total score of scale evaluation results was 9. Scores (0 ~ 4) were classified as low-quality articles and (5 ~ 9) as high-quality articles.

Strategy of data synthesis: The retrieved literature was initially screened by two investigators independently according to the inclusion and exclusion criteria and then cross-checked. The controversial literature was evaluated by the third party and then unified by discussion.

Subgroup analysis: Sensitivity analyses were performed by country, publication year, child age, etc.

Sensitivity analysis: Sensitivity analyses were performed on outcome measures with high heterogeneity.

Country(ies) involved: China.

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