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## A meta-analysis of the effects of vibration training on muscle strength, muscle mass and physical function in elderly with muscle attenuation syndrome

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### INTRODUCTION

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### METHODS

**Participant or population:** Elderly with sarcopenia.

**Intervention:** Vibration training.

**Comparator:** Elderly with sarcopenia.

**Study designs to be included:** A computer search for randomized controlled trials of traditional Chinese exercise therapy in the databases of PubMed, The Cochrane Library, Web of Science, Embase, CNKI, CBM, Wanfang, and VIP.

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**Information sources:** A computer search for randomized controlled trials of traditional Chinese exercise therapy in the databases of PubMed, The Cochrane Library, Web of Science, Embase, CNKI, CBM, Wanfang, and VIP.

**Main outcome(s):** In the 7 confirmed studies, 5 of them were whole-body vibration training and 2 were local vibration therapy. A total of 196 sarcopenia patients participated. A meta-analysis of randomized controlled studies showed that systemic vibration therapy (SMD 0.69, 95% confidence interval 0.28 to 1.11,  $I^2=0\%$ ,  $P=0.001$ ) and local vibration therapy (SMD 3.78, 95% confidence interval 2.29 to 5.28,  $P<0.001$ ), the muscle strength increased significantly. After the intervention, the physical performance measured by the sit-stand test and the timed rise-walk test was significantly improved (SMD -0.79, 95% confidence interval 1.21 to 0.37,  $I^2=0\%$ ,  $P<0.001$ ), SMD-0.83, 95% confidence The interval is 1.56 to 0.11,  $I^2=6.4\%$ ,  $P=0.02$ ).

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

The RCT bias risk evaluation standard in the Cochrane Collaboration was used to evaluate the methodological quality of RCT in 6 domains, and the methodological quality of non-randomized controlled trials was evaluated using the MINORS tool. The two investigators independently conducted and reviewed each other. If there is a disagreement, the third investigator will discuss and decide whether to include.

**Strategy of data synthesis:** A computer search for randomized controlled trials of traditional Chinese exercise therapy in the databases of PubMed, The Cochrane Library, Web of Science, Embase, CNKI, CBM, Wanfang, and VIP.

**Subgroup analysis:** Perform subgroup analysis on muscle mass, muscle strength, and body function.

**Sensitivity analysis:** No sensitivity analysis was performed in this study.

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

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