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## Sodium-Glucose Cotransporter-2 Inhibitors in Heart Failure

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### INTRODUCTION

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SGLT2i for heart failure regardless of LVEF and diabetes statuses.

**Rationale:** Sodium-glucose cotransporter-2 inhibitor (SGLT2i), as new effective hypoglycemic therapy, has unexpectedly shown profound cardiovascular benefits in Cardiovascular Outcomes Trials (CVOTs)

mandated by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

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## METHODS

**Search strategy:** The following keywords and their MeSH terms were used for the search: (sodium-glucose cotransporter-2 inhibitor OR SGLT2 inhibitor) AND (heart failure OR cardiac failure OR HF).

**Participant or population:** Patients with heart failure.

**Intervention:** Sodium-glucose cotransporter-2 inhibitor.

**Comparator:** Placebo.

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**Eligibility criteria:** Observational or nonrandomized studies; Studies that did not provide enough data to analyze the outcomes of interest.

**Information sources:** Mainly from electronic databases and trial registers.

**Main outcome(s):** Composite of first hospitalization for HF or cardiovascular death(HR); Composite of total hospitalization for HF or cardiovascular death(RR); first hospitalization for HF(HR); cardiovascular death(HR); any death(HR); major adverse cardiovascular events (HR); KCCQ(RR).

**Additional outcome(s):** Serious adverse events (SAE); volume depletion; hypotension; acute kidney injury;

hypoglycemia; urinary tract infections; bone fracture and amputation.

**Data management:** Data of eligible studies will be extracted onto a predesigned excel spreadsheet.

**Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis:** Quality assessment will be conducted using Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions (version5.1.0). Publication bias will be examined using a funnel graph.

**Strategy of data synthesis:** Pooled hazard ratios (HRs) and 95% confidence intervals (CIs) will be calculated for estimates of efficacy outcomes using generic inverse variance method. Dichotomous data will be used to calculate risk ratios (RRs) by Mantel-Haenszel model. The choice of fixed effects model or random effects model is made according to heterogeneity. Heterogeneity between studies was assessed using I<sup>2</sup> statistic.

**Subgroup analysis:** Subgroup analyses were conducted in diabetes and non-diabetes populations.

**Sensitivity analysis:** Sensitivity analyses were performed by sequential trials removal.

**Language:** No.

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

**Keywords:** Sodium-Glucose Cotransporter-2 Inhibitors; Heart failure.

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