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Predictors for short-term successful weaning from continuous renal replacement therapy: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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METHODS

Search strategy: We conducted a literature search of studies through PubMed, Embase, and Cochrane Library. In addition, review articles on the topic will be searched for eligible articles. The search used the terms "continuous renal replacement therapy", "weaning", "discontinuation", "cessation", "factor", and "predictor" in several combinations. No restrictions were applied for time, language, or publication status.

Participant or population: Inclusion criteria: Patients with acute kidney injury requiring continuous renal replacement. Exclusion criteria: not being critically ill or in the ICU, end-stage renal disease on dialysis, peritoneal dialysis modality.

Intervention: Demographics, clinical and biochemical parameters that predicted the short-term successful weaning from continuous renal replacement therapy.

Comparator: Patients that failed weaning from the continuous renal replacement therapy.

Study designs to be included: Populationbased studies including case-control studies, prospective and retrospective cohort studies, or cross-sectional studies. Eligibility criteria: (1) the study that reported predictive factors for short-term successful weaning from CRRT in critically ill patients with AKI in all countries and regions was included; (2) patients treated with CRRT for at least 24h were divided into "success" and "failure" group according to their renal replacement therapy requirement in the short term after cessation of CRRT; and (3) the CRRT cycle had to be actually terminated (CRRT device disassembled) and not simply temporarily interrupted, e.g. for diagnostic or therapeutic measures outside the intensive care unit.

Information sources: We searched PubMed, Embase, and Cochrane Library for studies that reported predictive factors for successful weaning from CRRT from database inception to August 2021 without language restrictions. The references of the retrieved articles were also reviewed for additional reports to avoid missing out on our search.

Main outcome(s): Successful weaning from continuous renal replacement therapy.

Data management: Data extraction will be independently screened by two reviewers. Any conflict will be identified and resolved through discussion and, if necessary, with a third reviewer. The following data will be collected using a standardized data table: author, year, country, number of patients, type of study, the definition for "successful weaning from continuous renal replacement therapy" and predictive factors.

Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis: Quality Assessment Tools for observational studies will be used to assess. The judgment of quality will be assessed by two authors independently, and any discrepancies will be resolved by discussion, or with the involvement of a third reviewer when necessary.

Strategy of data synthesis: Stata 16.0 software to realize data conversion and effect size combination. A quantitative summation will be done for predictive

factors when an adequate number of similar factors are available. Publication bias will be assessed by examining funnel plot asymmetry and Egger's test. A fixed-effect model will be applied if the results are homogeneous; if the results are heterogeneous ($I^2>50\%$), a random-effects model will be applied.

Subgroup analysis: Any available subgroup analysis for a predictive factor will be critically evaluated and presented.

Sensitivity analysis: Exclude each study included in the analysis one by one, reanalyze and summarize the data, and compare the differences between the retrieved results and the original results. Therefore, we will be able to discover the impact of individual studies on overall results and whether the results are reliable.

Country(ies) involved: China.

Keywords: Continuous renal replacement therapy; acute kidney injury; weaning; predictors; meta-analysis.

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