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INTRODUCTION

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METHODS

Participant or population: The patients in the literature conformed to the diagnosis of arrhythmia.

Intervention: ZGCD combined with metoprolol while the control group was metoprolol alone.

Comparator: Effectiveness.

Study designs to be included: RCTs.

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Main outcome(s): Effectiveness, TCM syndrome score, ADRs.

Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis:

Cochrane Handbook 5.0 to evaluate the quality of the included studies in terms of the random allocation method, allocation concealment, blinding method, integrity of the results data and selective reporting of bias of the research results.

Strategy of data synthesis: RevMan 5.3 software, provided by the Cochrane collaboration network, was used in the analysis.

Subgroup analysis: control group (n=1977) and an experimental group (n=1983).

Sensitivity analysis: No.

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