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#### **METHODS**

Participant or population: We will include adult patients who was diagnosed with early stage NSCLC (in this study,the "early stage" is defined as stage and stage without lung hilar and mediastinal lymph nodes metastasis). The patients should be definitly diagnosed with pathology result. The patients receiving non-operative treatment should have similar base conditions with operation group ,tolerating surgery in theory. There are no restrictions on pathological types except for small cell lungcancer.

Intervention: 1. Surgery, including lobectomy and sublobectomy. 2. Local ablation, including microwave ablation and radiofrequency ablation. 3. Stereotactic body radiotherapy.

Comparator: Surgery group.

Study designs to be included: RCT, observational study.

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Information sources: Pubmed, Embase, Cochrane Library databases, Web of science.

Main outcome(s): survival, recurrence.

Additional outcome(s): Adverse effects.

Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis: Cochrane Risk of Bias (RoB)tool and Newcastle-Ottawa Scale for quality assessment. Funnel plots for publication bias.

Strategy of data synthesis: Stata and R software.

Subgroup analysis: For the primary outcomes, we will explore the following sources of possible heterogeneity: tumor size, cancer type, different surgery, etc. We will try to conduct subgroup analyses based on the characteristics.

Sensitivity analysis: We will perform sensitive analysis for primary outcomes by excluding studies with high risk of bias.

Language: No limits.

Country(ies) involved: China.

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