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# Comparison of efficacy of Traditional Chinese medicine capsules in the treatment of acute cerebral infarction: a net-like meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

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#### **METHODS**

Participant or population: Icluding: Adults with acute cerebral infarction. Exclusion: The date were incomplete, study with less than 20 patients, and other diseases complicated with acute cerebral infarction

Intervention: Traditional Chinese medicine capsules (including Chinese medicine capsule combined with other treatment).

Comparator: Traditional Chinese medicine capsules (including Chinese medicine capsule combined with other treatment)

Study designs to be included: We electronically searched the Cochrane Library (CENTRAL), PubMed, EMBASE, **Chinese National Knowledge Infrastructure** (CNKI), VIP Journals Database and Wanfang database until October 2021. Search terms included: (Traditional Chinese medicine) AND (Acute stroke OR Acute cerebral infarction OR Acute cerebral embolism). Chinese Databases were also searched using the above search terms in Chinese. We manually searched for a list of Chinese and English journals that may publish potentially eligible studies and checked the reference lists of all included studies and relevant review articles as well as.

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Information sources: We electronically searched the Cochrane Library (CENTRAL), PubMed, EMBASE, Chinese National Knowledge Infrastructure (CNKI), VIP Journals Database and Wanfang database until October 2021.

Main outcome(s): Comparison of curative effect of Chinese medicine capsule in treating acute cerebral infarction.

Additional outcome(s): None.

Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis:

The literature quality evaluntion mothod adopts the 12 criteria recommended by the Cochrane Back Review Group 16, which is evaluted independently by two participants. If the conclusions are inconsistent, the final decision will be made by the third-party experts.

Strategy of data synthesis: Data were analyzed using Review Manager (version 5.0).A fixed-effects model or randomeffects model was used to investigate the effects of RRR-based prescriptions on ischemic stroke across trials, and the weighted mean difference (WMD) was calculated for continuous outcomes, where as relative risk (RR) and 95% confidence intervals were calculated for dichotomous outcomes. Heterogeneity between trial results was tested using a standard chisquare test and I2 statistic was also calculated. Publication bias was graphically represented using a funnel plot. Two-tailed p val-ues less than 0.05 were considered statistically significant.

Subgroup analysis: Subgroup analysis included the name of Chinese medicine preparation, treatment method and time of recovery, etc.

Sensitivity analysis: The main methods of sensitivity analysis include changing the inclusion criteria (especially for controversial studies), excluding low-quality studies, and using different statistical methods/models to analyze the same data.

Language: English.

### Country(ies) involved: China.

Keywords: acute cerebral infarction. Traditional Chinese medicine capsules. A net-like meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials.

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