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The application of micro-expression recognition technique in psychiatry research: A systematic review

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Review question / Objective: The current systematic review aims to summarize the progress of the application of micro-expression in psychiatry research and raise corresponding suggestions for future research in this field.

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INTRODUCTION

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Condition being studied: The micro-expression recognition technique has been widely used in the field of forensic sciences and pedagogy. Some psychiatric research has tried to apply this technique the diagnosis assessment and illness monitoring. However, the applicability and

feasibility of this kind of application remain under discussion.

METHODS

Search strategy: Search terms included: microexpression, micro expression. Searched databases included: CNKI, Wanfang, PubMed, EMBASE, PsycINFO, and Web of Science.

Participant or population: Patients diagnosed with any types of psychiatric disorders according to standardized diagnostic tools.

Intervention: Not applicable.

Comparator: Not applicable.

Study designs to be included: Both observational and interventional research.

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Information sources: Only peer-reviewed published papers will be included. Searched databases included: CNKI, Wanfang, PubMed, EMBASE, PsycINFO, and Web of Science.

Main outcome(s): Using micro-expression recognition approach to study any types of psychiatric problems.

Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis: Appropriate Newcastle-Ottawa Scale (NOS) will be used for study quality assessment.

Strategy of data synthesis: Due to the limited numbers of publications assumed to be included and large heterogeneous research types and outcomes, the quantitative research would be unable to

conduct. Therefore, this review will qualitatively summarize the included studies.

Subgroup analysis: Due to the limited numbers of publications assumed to be included and large heterogeneous research types and outcomes, the quantitative research would be unable to conduct. Therefore, this review will qualitatively summarize the included studies.

Sensitivity analysis: Due to the limited numbers of publications assumed to be included and large heterogeneous research types and outcomes, the quantitative research would be unable to conduct. Therefore, this review will qualitatively summarize the included studies.

Country(ies) involved: China.

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