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## INTRODUCTION

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## Is Shehata technique better than staged Fowler-Stephens for high-level intra-abdominal testes? A systematic review and meta-analysis

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## METHODS

**Participant or population:** Children with intra-abdominal testes under 14 years old.

**Intervention:** Shehata technique.

**Comparator:** Two stage Fowler-Stephens orchiopexy.

**Study designs to be included:** Meta-analysis.

**Eligibility criteria:** Children with intra-abdominal testes under 14 years old managed by Shehata technique or two stage Fowler-Stephens.

**Information sources:** Electronic databases, grey literature, reference lists and expert advice.

**Main outcome(s):** Testicular atrophy and ascent rate.

**Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis:** PRISMA is used to assess the quality, and funnel plot are going to be utilized to evaluate publish bias.

**Strategy of data synthesis:** Revman5.4 plan to used for the date synthesis and analysis.

**Subgroup analysis:** No subgroup analysis.

**Sensitivity analysis:** P value is planned to analysis sensitivity.

**Language:** English.

**Country(ies) involved:** China.

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