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Efficacy and safety analysis of high-flow nasal cannula in children with bronchiolitis: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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INTRODUCTION

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METHODS

Participant or population: Children with bronchiolitis.

Intervention: High-flow nasal cannula (HFNC).

Comparator: Nasal continuous positive airway pressure (nCPAP) or the traditional standard oxygen therapy.

Study designs to be included: RCT.

Eligibility criteria: Failure rate of treatment\Change in respiratory rate\Improved arterial partial pressure of oxygen.

Information sources: PubMed, Web of Science, and major Chinese biomedical databases, including CNKI, GeenMedical, Wanfang, and Weipu.

Main outcome(s): Failure rate of treatment\Change in respiratory rate\Improved arterial partial pressure of oxygen.

Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis: The Cochrane Risk of Bias Tool.

Strategy of data synthesis: Percentages and relative risk (RR) or mean difference (MD) with 95% confidence interval (CI) were used to describe the data. The I² test was used to assess the heterogeneity; if the heterogeneity between studies was small ($P > 0.1$, $I^2 < 50\%$), the fixed-effects model was used to merge the effect sizes; however, if the heterogeneity between studies was obvious ($P \leq 0.1$, $I^2 \geq 50\%$), the

random effects was used to merge the effect size. Statistical analysis and graphs were performed using RevMan 5.30 software provided by Cochrane Collaboration. $P \leq 0.05$ (two-sided), the difference was considered statistically significant and the test of sources of heterogeneity. A funnel plot was used to check the risk of publication bias. RevMan 5.30 software provided by Cochrane Collaboration.

Subgroup analysis: Subgroup analysis was performed according to nCPAP or conventional oxygen therapy in the control group.

Sensitivity analysis: Sensitivity analysis using RevMan 5.30 software provided by the Cochrane Collaboration, by removing one of the articles, the change in effect size reflects the change in sensitivity.

Country(ies) involved: China.

Keywords: High-flow nasal catheters (HFNCs); bronchiolitis; infant bronchiolitis; meta-analysis.

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