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### **INTRODUCTION**

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Condition being studied: Tanshinol was shown to be a bone-protective function in ovariecized (OVX) rats model, while regulating bone turnover markers, possibly via blocking the NF-B pathway. It is indicated that Tanshinol may have antiosteoporotic effects in vivo or in vitro. However, The clinical using of tanshinol is limited by those scattered evidence. Tanshinol anti-osteoporosis was recently reported, But the observed outcome is not exactly the same, as is the animal molding method, which prompting us to conduct a meta-analysis and systematic evaluation. To collect and analyze all available data of tanshinol treatment in osteoporosis animal models is the primary objective of this systematic review, which could provide a reference information for anti-osteoporosis studies in complementary medicine.

### **METHODS**

Search strategy: Electronic searches were performed in eight databases without language restrictions from their respective inception to January 2022: PubMed, EMBASE, Web of Science, Cochrane Library, Chinese National Knowledge Infrastructure, Chinese Biomedical Literature Database, Chinese VIP Database, and Wanfang Database. The search terms used were adjusted to ensure efficient literature retrieval. For example, the Retrieval type for web of science were: ((((TS=("Danshensu")) OR TS=(Tanshinol)) OR TS=("dan shen su a")) OR TS=("Salvianic aid A")) AND TS=(osteoporosis).

Participant or population: Animal studies.

Intervention: The treatment group received tanshinol as monotherapy, regardless of

dosage, medicament type, route of administration, and time for the medicine application.

Comparator: Blank treatment or isometric placebo was received in the control group.

Study designs to be included: Only animal studies that assessed the efficacy and safety of tanshinol for OP were included, regardless of publication status or language.

Eligibility criteria: We included controlled studies assessing the administration of tanshinol for OP animal models established by different methods, regardless of animal species, age, weight, and gender.

Information sources: Electronic searches were performed in eight databases without language restrictions from their respective inception to 2022: PubMed, EMBASE, Web of Science, Cochrane Library, Chinese National Knowledge Infrastructure, Chinese Biomedical Literature Database, Chinese VIP Database, and Wanfang Database.

Main outcome(s): The primary outcome measures were bone mineral density(BMD, including BMD-femur and BMD-lumbar).

Additional outcome(s): The secondary outcome measure were Static parameters for bone tissue morphometry (femur, tibia) and Bone biomechanics(femur), (1)bone volume over total volume(BV/TV), (2) trabecular number (Tb.N), (3)trabecular thickness (Tb.Th), (4)trabecular separation (Tb.Sp), (5)bone maximum load,(6)bone elastic load.

Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis: The risk of bias was tested by the CAMARADES 10-item quality checklist for each study.

Strategy of data synthesis: When high heterogeneity or statistical heterogeneity was detected, a random effect model (I2≥50%) was used, otherwise a fixed effect model (I2<50%). The effect of publication

bias was studied by Eegg's test for publication bias. Continuous variables used mean difference (mean difference, MD) or standard mean deviation (standard mean difference, SMD) to calculate a 95% credible interval (confidence intervals, CI).

Subgroup analysis: There were no subgroup analyses.

Sensitivity analysis: we performed a sensitivity analysis by omitting single studies one by one.

Country(ies) involved: China.

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