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METHODS

Participant or population: Patients with malignant pleural effusion of lung cancer.

Intervention: Bevacizumab combined with pemetrexed plus carboplatin or cisplatin.

Comparator: Pemetrexed plus carboplatin or cisplatin.

Study designs to be included: RCT.

Eligibility criteria: Non-small cell lung cancer with malignant pleural effusion was confirmed by pathological or cytological examination.

Information sources: he CNKI, PubMed, Cochrane Library, Embase, Chinese Science and Technology Journal Database (VIP), and Wanfang Databases.

Main outcome(s): Therapeutic effect of malignant pleural effusion.

Additional outcome(s): Myelosuppression, gastrointestinal reactions, fever, chest pain, bleeding and other adverse events.

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

Strategy of data synthesis: We used the Cochrane RevMan version 5.3 software (The Cochrane Collaboration, UK).to analyze the data.The results were reported as pooled as odds ratios(OR) with respective 95% confidence intervals (95% Cl).Heterogeneity test was assessed with Cochran's Q test and I2 statistic.If the heterogeneity was not significant (p>0.1, I2<50.0%), then the fixed-effect model can be performed, otherwise, the random effects model. We assessed the potential publication bias by funnel plots, Egger's test and Begg's test. All p values were twosided, and p<0.05 was considered to manifest statistical significance.

Subgroup analysis: Subgroup analysis was performed based on pemetrexed plus carboplatin or cisplatin.

Sensitivity analysis: Sensitivity analysis assessed the impact of each study on the overall estimate by omitting one study at a time.

Language: English.

Country(ies) involved: China.

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