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METHODS

Participant or population: Adult ICU patients.

Intervention: Hypophosphatemia.

Comparator: Normal phosphate.

Study designs to be included: Any types of designs of studies.

Eligibility criteria: We will include studies focusing adults(= 18 yr or older) critically ill patients with hypophosphatemia versus. normal serum phosphate.

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Main outcome(s): The primary outcome is mortality. Secondary outcomes are mechanical ventilation free days; the length of stay in the ICU and hospital.

Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis: We will use Newcastle-Ottawa Scale to perform quality assessment/risk of bias analysis.

Strategy of data synthesis: An overall effect estimate for all data as risk ratio (RR)/mean difference(MD) with 95% CI will be calculated. The presence of statistical heterogeneity among the studies by using the Q statistics and the heterogeneity by using the I2 statistic was addressed. A p-value of less than 0.10 or an I2 value of greater than 50% as indicative was considered of substantial heterogeneity.

Subgroup analysis: predefined cut-off ranges of hypophosphatemia.

Sensitivity analysis: Predefined potential influence factors.

Country(ies) involved: China.

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