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## INTRODUCTION

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## **METHODS**

Participant or population: Patients with AECOPD.

Intervention: Not applicable.

**Comparator:** Not applicable.

Study designs to be included: Cohort studies no matter prospective and retrospective.

Eligibility criteria: (1) Population: Patients with AECOPD; (2) Study content: Developing or validating prognostic models; (3) Outcome: Deaths included inhospital and postdischarge deaths; (4) Study type: cohort studies no matter prospective and retrospective; (5) English language.

**Information sources:** PubMed, EMBASE, Cochrane Library and Web of Science databases.

Main outcome(s): Deaths included inhospital and postdischarge deaths. Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis: Prediction model risk of bias assessment tool (PROBAST) was used to assess the quality of the included studies with 20 questions in four key domains: participants, predictors, outcome, and analysis. Each question was answered with "yes/probably yes", "no/probably no", and "no information" and evaluation results of each domain were judged using "low", "high" or "unclear".

Strategy of data synthesis: A random effects meta-analysis was used to synthesise calibration and discrimination statistics from multiple studies validating the same prognostic model. The metaanalysis was summarised in a forest plot showing the pooled performance.

Subgroup analysis: We plan to conduct subgroup analyses appropriate to the data retrieved.

Sensitivity analysis: Not applicable.

Country(ies) involved: China.

Keywords: prediction models; mortality; AECOPD; systematic review.

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