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INTRODUCTION

Review question / Objective: A metaanalysis was performed to assess interleukin -6 (IL-6), cardiac index (CI), pulmonary artery pressure (PAP) and New York Heart Association (NYHA) functional class.

Condition being studied: Advanced heart failure.

The anti-inflammatory and haemodynamic effects of levosimendan on advanced heart failure patients : a meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials

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METHODS

Participant or population: Advanced heart failure patients.

Intervention: Levosimendan using.

Comparator: Placebo/blank.

Study designs to be included: We systematically searched the MEDLINE,

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Main outcome(s): Interleukin -6 (IL-6), cardiac index (CI), pulmonary artery pressure (PAP) and New York Heart Association (NYHA) functional class.

Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis: Yes.

Strategy of data synthesis: Yes.

Subgroup analysis: Yes.

Sensitivity analysis: No

Country(ies) involved: China.

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