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## Liu Wei Di Huang Wan for insomnia: A systematic review and meta-analysis

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### INTRODUCTION

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**Condition being studied:** Insomnia is a sleep disorder that makes people fall asleep or maintain deep sleep for a long period difficultly. Insomnia is accompanied by mental fatigue. It can also induce palpitations, chest paralysis, vertigo, headache, stroke disease and many other diseases.

## METHODS

**Participant or population:** Insomnia.

**Intervention:** The experimental group is treated with Liu Wei Di Huang Wan, Liu Wei Di Huang Decoction or Liu Wei Di Huang Wan combined with Western medicine.

**Comparator:** Commonly used Western medicine are used for treatment, specifically benzodiazepines such as Estazolam, Diazepam and Alprazolam.

**Study designs to be included:** Randomised controlled trials.

**Eligibility criteria:** For this systematic review, only clinical RCTs were included. Studies that met one or more of the following criteria were excluded: (1) Not RCTs. (2) Non-clinical research, such as reviews, animal/cell experiments, and case reports. (3) Studies with missing or erroneous data. (4) Republished studies published. (5) Studies with incompatible intervention.

**Information sources:** Pubmed, EMBase, Web of Science, Cochrane Library, China Biology Medicine disc (CBM), China National Knowledge Infrastructure (CNKI), Chinese Science and Technology Periodical Database (VIP) and Wanfang Database.

**Main outcome(s):** The Pittsburgh Sleep Quality Index (PSQI) and efficacy were the key outcome measures.

**Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis:** Use the Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of interventions to evaluate the risk of bias in each of the included RCTs.

**Strategy of data synthesis:** The data was statistically analyzed using Review Manager 5.3 and Stata 16.0. The effect measure for the binary variables was relative risk (RR). The effect measure for continuous variables was weighted mean squared deviation (WMD). Both effect measures were provided estimates with 95 percent confidence intervals (95%CI). The chi-square test (test level  $\alpha=0.05$ ) was used to assess heterogeneity between the outcomes of the included RCTs. The heterogeneity of included RCTs was minor if  $I^2 < 50\%$ , hence fixed effects models were utilized for this meta-analysis. If  $I^2 > 50\%$ , there was a high heterogeneity among the included RCTs. The source of their heterogeneity was further investigated using sensitivity analysis and subgroup analysis. The funnel plot's distribution symmetry and the Egger's test were used to analyze the reporting bias of the included RCTs.

**Subgroup analysis:** For PSQI, the subgroup meta-analysis is performed based on the type of disease of the patients. One group is multiple diseases group due to the inclusion of patients with other underlying diseases in addition to insomnia. The other group is a single disease group due to the inclusion of patients with insomnia only.

**Sensitivity analysis:** For PSQI, the sensitivity analysis is performed.

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