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# **INTRODUCTION**

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OXC, after the treatment of OXC and LEV; O: Chinese Wechsler Intelligence Scale Verbal IQ (VIQ), performance IQ (PIQ) and full IQ (FIQ), S: case-control study or cohort study.

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#### **METHODS**

Participant or population: Chinese children diagnosed with BECT.

Intervention: Treatment with sodium valproate (VPA) or levetiracetam (LEV) or oxazepine (OXC).

Comparator: Before and after treatment with valproate, Before and after treatment with levetiracetam, Before and after treatment with oxcarbazepine, after treatment with levetiracetam and valproate, after treatment with oxcarbazepine and valproate, after treatment with levetiracetam and oxcarbazepine.

Study designs to be included: Case-control studies or cohort studies.

Eligibility criteria: Additional inclusion criteria: the cognitive level of BECT children was collected before and after treatment with VPA, LEV and OXC, and the treatment duration should be at least 4 weeks. 2. The grouping method of VPA, LEV and OXC should be randomized. Exclusion criteria: 1. The diagnosis is not BECT; 2. BECT with two or more antiepileptic drugs should be excluded; 3. The cognitive assessment method is not WISC-CR.

Information sources: Two different physicians searched Chinese common databases (CNKI, Wanfang, VIP And Chinese Biomedical Literature database) and Pubmed according to keywords, and the research objects were Chinese children with BECT evaluated by WISC-CR. Further

data tracking was carried out according to the references of the literature searched.

Main outcome(s): 1. Comparison of cognitive level of BECT children before and after VPA treatment; 2.Comparison of cognitive level of BECT children before and after LEV treatment; 3. Comparison of the cognitive level of BECT children before and after OXC treatment; 4. Reticular metanalysis of cognitive level of BECT children after treatment with VPA, LEV and OXC (Treatment time at least 4 weeks).

Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis: Using The Newcastle-Ottawa Scale to evaluate the Literature quality, and bias was analyzed by meta-regression.

Strategy of data synthesis: Stata15 software was used for data analysis.

Subgroup analysis: No.

Sensitivity analysis: 1. Controversial studies by two physicians are evaluated by a third physician. 2.Low-quality studies are excluded 3.Appropriate statistical methods or models will be used to analyze data.

Language: Chinese and English.

Country(ies) involved: China.

Keywords: Benign epilepsy of childhood with centrotemporal spikes; Benign Rolandic epilepsy; cognitive; Valproic acid sodium; VPA; Levetiracetam; LEV; oxcarbazepine; OXC.

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