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## INTRODUCTION

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#### **METHODS**

Participant or population: Children from birth to 18 years old who need endotracheal intubation.

**Intervention:** Use ultrasound to recognize inappropriate ETT placement.

**Comparator:** Use radiography such like Xray or chest radiography to confirm inappropriate ETT placement.

Study designs to be included: Firstly ,the included studies were required to compare the findings of ultasonography with radiations for confirming the depth or placement of endotracheal tube in patients. Secondly, all included studies need to provide enough information to construct a  $2 \times 2$  column table. Thirdly, included studies have evaluation indicators: sensitivity, specificity, etc.

Eligibility criteria: Studies are irrevant to the topic or lack of clinical outcomes are excluded.Some of studies like retrospective design studies ,case reports,case series, reviews and statement were excluded,also keep out some studies on cadavers.

**Information sources: Electronic databases as Pubmed and Embase.** 

Main outcome(s): We will got forest plot of included studis and draw the SROC curve. Then calculate the area under the curve.According to the result, we will get the diagnostic accuracy Of POCUS for assessment of ETT placement in pediatrics, compared With radiography.

#### Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis:

This review will use QUADUAS-2 to evaluate quality of the included studies. Two investigators will independently evaluate each study. Any discrepancies will be resolved through discussion.

Strategy of data synthesis: Stata 14.0 will be used for data analysis. The heterogeneity among the included studies was investigated using Q-statistic and 12 index. According to the result, we will choose appropriate model. Funnel plot will be used to evaluate publication bias. Fagan diagram was drawn to evaluate the clinical application value.

Subgroup analysis: If heterogeneity is demonstrated, We will conduct subgroup analyses according to the common methodological or clinical features of the included studies.

Sensitivity analysis: The sensitivity analysis will be conducted by using Stata 14.

Country(ies) involved: China.

Keywords: Ultrasound, Endotracheal Tube, Radiography, Pediatrics.

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