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## **METHODS**

Participant or population: Patients were confirmed as prostate cancer by histopathological or cytological examination and met the diagnostic criteria of intermediate-risk prostate cancer.

**Intervention:** Androgen deprivation therapy.

Comparator: Radiotherapy alone vs Radiotherapy + Androgen deprivation therapy.

Study designs to be included: Randomized controlled trials(Rcts) and retrospective studies.

Eligibility criteria: Clinical trials and retrospective studies directly comparing radiotherapy alone with radiotherapy + androgen deprivation therapy. All patients were confirmed as prostate cancer by histopathological or cytological examination and met the diagnostic criteria of intermediate-risk prostate cancer; and sufficient data could be extracted for analysis.

Information sources: PubMed, Embase, Conchrane library, Web of Science, Chinese National Knowledge Infrastructure (CNKI), Chinese Biological Medicine(CBM) Database, Wanfang Database and the VIP Database, the International Clinical Trial Registry Platform (ICTRP) and the Chinese Clinical Registry.

Main outcome(s): Overall survival(OS) and biochemical recurrence-free survival (BCRFS).

Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis:

The cochrane collaboration's tool and the Newcastle-Ottawa scale.

Strategy of data synthesis: All statistical analyses will be performed using the RevMan version 5.3 software and the Stata software(version 17).

Subgroup analysis: Subgroup analyses of randomized controlled trials(Rcts) and retrospective studies.

Sensitivity analysis: The sensitivity analyses will be performed by excluding one study at a time to assess the influence of each study on overall results.

Country(ies) involved: China.

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