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INTRODUCTION

Review question / Objective: To investigate the effect of low-dose aspirin on perinatal outcomes in women with risk factors for preeclampsia in different races referred to

The effect of low-dose aspirin for preeclampsia prophylaxis on perinatal outcomes among women with risk factors in different races — a meta-analysis of RCTs

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Review question / Objective: To investigate the effect of low-dose aspirin on perinatal outcomes in women with risk factors for preeclampsia in different races referred to as the yellow and the non-yellow races in this article.

Condition being studied: Preeclampsia is a systemic hypertensive disease characterized by elevated blood pressure after 20 weeks of pregnancy, accompanied by proteinuria or other systemic damage.

Eligibility criteria: Inclusion criteria: ①History of preeclampsia; multiple pregnancies; chronic hypertension; type 1 or type 2 diabetes; renal disease; ②Primiparous; obesity (BMI \geq 28kg/m²); family history of preeclampsia (mother or sister); sociodemographic characteristics; \geq 35 years of age; personal history factors (e.g., low birth weight infants or infants small for gestational age, history of adverse pregnancy outcomes, pregnancy interval more significant than ten years); ③A positive rollover test; ④A high risk (>1 in 100) for preterm preeclampsia according to the screening algorithm.

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METHODS

Participant or population: The women in each study had high or intermediate risk factors for preeclampsia.

Intervention: The intervention in the experimental group was regular oral aspirin at 25-150 mg/day.

Comparator: The intervention in the control group was placebo or no preventive drugs.

Study designs to be included: RCT.

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Information sources: The Mesh terms and keywords of "aspirin" and "preeclampsia" were searched in databases including Embase, PubMed, Cochrane, Wanfang, and CNKI to obtain all RCTs on the use of low-dose aspirin for the prevention of preeclampsia published from the establishment of the database to February 2022.

Main outcome(s): The Primary outcome in our analysis was preeclampsia. Preeclampsia is one of the following two conditions: i. After 20 weeks of pregnancy, random urine protein (++) or 24-hour urine protein \geq 300 mg and systolic blood pressure \geq 140 mmHg and/or diastolic

blood pressure \geq 90 mmHg; ii. Systolic blood pressure \geq 140mmHg and (or) diastolic blood pressure \geq 90mmHg, urine protein negative, but there are complications such as brain, heart, lung, liver, kidney and fetal placental units.

Additional outcome(s): The Secondary outcomes were other maternal adverse events, such as preterm birth, fetal growth restriction, postpartum hemorrhage, and placental abruption.

Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis: Authors independently assessed the risk of bias in each study using the Cochrane Collaboration tool. Funnel plot was used to assess publication bias.

Strategy of data synthesis: Data were analyzed using RevMan 5.4 provided by the Cochrane Collaboration. The relative risks(RR) of each outcome with their 95% confidence intervals were calculated using fixed or random effects models. The random effects model was used if P < 0.1 or I² \geq 50%; otherwise fixed effects model was used.

Subgroup analysis: According to the ethnicity of each study participants, they were divided into the yellow and the non-yellow groups.

Sensitivity analysis: If I² \geq 75% at the time of data analysis, relevant studies were deleted according to sensitivity analysis.

Country(ies) involved: China.

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