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A meta-analysis of glutamine supplementation in adult burn patients

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INTRODUCTION

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Condition being studied: Glutamine supplementation in adult burn patients. The research team comes from the Department of Critical Care Medicine of a tertiary hospital in China, and all the team members have perfect clinical experience in treatments of nebulized antibiotics. Moreover, our team members have

published more than 20 meta-analyses, which can guarantee the successful completion of the current research.

METHODS

Participant or population: Adult (≥ 18 years old) burn patients.

Intervention: Either enteral or parenteral administration of GLN.

Comparator: standard care or a predefined "control group."

Study designs to be included: RCTs.

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Information sources: Articles available only in abstract form or meeting reports were also excluded.

Main outcome(s): Mortality.

Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis: We evaluated potential evidence of bias using the Cochrane risk-of-bias tool for RCTs. We assigned a value of high, unclear, low to the following items: (1) sequence generation; (2) allocation concealment; (3) blinding; (4) incomplete outcome data; (5) selective outcome reporting; and (6) other sources of bias.

Strategy of data synthesis: An overall effect estimate for all data as risk ratio (RR)/mean difference (MD) with 95% CI will be calculated. The presence of statistical heterogeneity among the studies by using the Q statistics and the heterogeneity by using the I² statistic was addressed. A p value of less than 0.10 or an I² value of greater than 50% as indicative was considered of substantial heterogeneity. A random-effects model or a fixed-effects model (DerSimonian-Laird) will be chosen

when significant heterogeneity or nonsignificant heterogeneity was not observed, respectively.

Subgroup analysis: We grouped the included studies by route of administration of GLN for subgroup analysis in enteral (EN) and intravenous (IV).

Sensitivity analysis: None.

Country(ies) involved: China.

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