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## Meta analysis on the treatment of acute exacerbation of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with lung dispersing therapy

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### INTRODUCTION

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traditional Chinese medicine. The selected research method is randomized controlled trial.

**Condition being studied:** treatment of acute exacerbation of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with lung dispersing therapy.

## METHODS

**Participant or population:** Patients with acute exacerbation of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

**Intervention:** On the basis of western medicine treatment, oral Chinese medicine decoction is used for treatment, and the decoction is explicitly proposed to be formulated by the method of dispersing the lung or the method of dispersing the lung.

**Comparator:** Western medicine or other internal medicine therapies of traditional Chinese medicine.

**Study designs to be included:** RCT.

**Eligibility criteria:** It was determined by comprehensive analysis of clinical manifestations, exposure history of risk factors, physical signs and laboratory examination data. The main symptoms of COPD [chronic cough, expectoration and (or) dyspnea], history of exposure to risk factors, and presence of incomplete reversible airflow restriction are the necessary conditions for diagnosis of COPD. Pulmonary function index is the gold standard for diagnosing COPD. The forced expiratory volume (FEV1)/vital capacity (FVC)<70% in the first second after the use of bronchodilators can be determined as incomplete reversible airflow restriction. Acute exacerbation refers to the continuous deterioration of patients beyond daily conditions and the need to change the basic medication. Usually, in the course of disease, the patient's cough, expectoration, shortness of breath and (or) wheezing increase in a short period of time, and the amount of sputum increases, which is purulent or mucopurulent, and can be accompanied by fever and other obviously aggravated manifestations of inflammation.

**Information sources:** Wangfang, CNKI, CBM and VIP, PubMed, Web of Science, Cochrane Library and Embase

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**Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis:** Cochrane Evaluation Manual.

**Strategy of data synthesis:** Meta analysis was conducted with Stata14.0 software. In the study, risk ratio (RR) was used for qualitative distribution data variables, and standardized mean difference was used for quantitative distribution data variables Mean difference (SMD) or weighted mean difference (WMD), each outcome indicator is measured by the effect value and 95% confidence interval (CI). use  $\chi^2$ . Test for heterogeneity. If P value > 0.05 and I<sup>2</sup> < 50%, it can be considered that there is no heterogeneity, and the fixed effect model is used for analysis; On the contrary, there is heterogeneity, which is analyzed by random effect model. If the heterogeneity among the research indicators is large and the number of studies meets certain application requirements, sensitivity analysis or subgroup analysis shall be conducted to explore the source of heterogeneity. In addition, funnel plot and shear compensation method were used to detect whether there was publication bias in the included literature. Finally, TSA v0.9 software was used to conduct a sequential analysis of the effectiveness.

**Subgroup analysis:** Subgroup analysis of patients with constipation.

**Sensitivity analysis:** Stata software conducts sensitivity analysis, and reflects the sensitivity of the article by deleting the change of the effect amount after one of the articles.

**Country(ies) involved:** China.

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