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## Survival and complications after neoadjuvant chemoradiotherapy versus neoadjuvant chemotherapy for esophageal adenocarcinoma: A meta-analysis

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**INPLASY registration number:** This protocol was registered with the International Platform of Registered Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis Protocols (INPLASY) on 22 November 2022 and was last updated on 22 November 2022 (registration number INPLASY2022110112).

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## METHODS

**Participant or population:** Patients were confirmed as esophageal adenocarcinoma by histopathological or cytological examination.

**Intervention:** Neoadjuvant chemoradiation.

**Comparator:** Neoadjuvant chemotherapy.

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

**Eligibility criteria:** ① Randomized controlled studies or Retrospective experiments published worldwide.② Diagnosis of EAC following cytological and histopathological examination in patients without serious organic disease.③ The experimental group received NCRT, while the control group received NCT.④ The primary efficacy outcomes were pathological complete remission rate (pCR);complete (R0) tumor resection rate; 1-, 3-, and 5-year survival rates; Local or distant recurrence rate ;The secondary indicators were incidence of adverse reactions after neoadjuvant treatment (including myelosuppression, nausea and vomiting, and esophagitis); and postoperative complications (including anastomotic leak, pulmonary complications, cardiac complications, chyle leak, infection and perioperative mortality).

**Information sources:** PubMed, Web of Science, Cochrane Library, EMBASE, CNKI, Wanfang Data, CBM, and VIP databases.

**Main outcome(s):** Pathological complete remission rate (pCR);complete (R0) tumor resection rate; 1-, 3-, and 5-year survival rates; Local or distant recurrence rate.

**Additional outcome(s):** Postoperative complications (including anastomotic leak, pulmonary complications, cardiac complications, chyle leak, infection and perioperative mortality).

**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 5.4 software and the Stata software(version 16).

**Subgroup analysis:** No subgroup analysis.

**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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