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**METHODS**

**Participant or population:** Patients were diagnosed as dRTA with SLC4A1 mutations.

**Intervention:** Effect of different races on clinical characteristics of patients with dRTA.

**Comparator:** Asian patients and non-Asian patients.

**Study designs to be included:** Observational study.

**Eligibility criteria:** (1) patients are diagnosed as dRTA. (2) mutations in SLC4A1 are confirmed using molecular genetic techniques. (3) clinical data of patients are described. The articles involving a series of patients but without detailed descriptions are excluded.

**Information sources:** PubMed, Embase, Web of Science, the China National Knowledge Infrastructure, and Wanfang.

**Main outcome(s):** To explore the comparisons of heredity and clinical characteristics between Asian and Non-Asian, which include the incidence of nephrocalcinosis, kidney stones, developmental disorders, hematological abnormalities, renal dysfunction, muscle weakness and gastrointestinal symptoms.

**Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis:** the Newcastle-Ottawa Scale, NOS.

**Strategy of data synthesis:** The epidemiological and clinical characteristics, and laboratory indexes of patients will be described utilizing simple summary statistics. Mann-Whitney U test and t-test are used to analyze the data. The significance level is set as p < 0.05. Statistical analysis is performed using the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences version 26 for Windows (SPSS).

**Subgroup analysis:** Subgroup analyses were performed according to gender and ethnicity.

**Sensitivity analysis:** Excluding literatures one by one: Effect size combination was carried out after removing each included study one by one, and effect size combination was carried out after the inclusion and exclusion criteria were changed or a certain type of literature was removed.

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

**Keywords:** distal renal tubular acidosis; SLC4A1; metabolic acidosis; mutation; clinical characteristics.

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