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## Scientific Evidence of Sodium-glucose Cotransporter-2 Inhibitors for Heart Failure: An umbrella review of Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses

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## METHODS

**Participant or population:** HFpEF patients.

**Intervention:** SGLT-2is.

**Comparator:** Placebo or additional conventional treatment.

**Study designs to be included:** SRs/MAs on RCTs.

**Eligibility criteria:** (a) SRs/MAs of RCTs on SGLT-2is in the treatment of HFpEF.

(b) HFpEF patients.

(c) SGLT-2is vs placebo or additional conventional treatment.

(d) Main outcomes about first or total HHF, CVD, all-cause death, the composite of HHF or CVD, and adverse events.

**Information sources:** It was mainly derived from the Cochrane Library, PubMed, and EMBASE. Some grey literatures were considered for inclusion.

**Main outcome(s):** The main outcomes are first or total HHF, CVD, all-cause death, the composite of HHF or CVD, and adverse events.

**Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis:** The Cochrane risk of bias criteria.

**Strategy of data synthesis:** The data calculation involved in this paper is completed by R software and Stata software. We calculated the corrected cover area (CCA), carried out excess significance tests, combined effect sizes of outcomes, and finally verified the stability of the results through Egger's test and sensitivity analysis.

**Subgroup analysis:** Subgroup analysis will include subgroup analysis of different types of SGLT-2is, different doses, and duration of administration.

**Sensitivity analysis:** A sensitivity analysis will be performed to determine the size of the impact of individual studies on overall results.

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

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