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## Acupuncture for pharyngitis: protocol for a systematic review

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### INTRODUCTION

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**Condition being studied:** Pharyngitis

### METHODS

**Participant or population:** Patients with pharyngitis. All patients over the age of 18 who conform to the diagnostic criteria, regardless of age, sex or race.

**Intervention:** Acupuncture.

**Comparator:** No treatment, placebo, sham acupuncture, conventional western medicine.

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

**Eligibility criteria:** Criteria for the diagnosis of pharyngitis.

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**Main outcome(s):** 1.Pain score of at least 5 on a 0- to 10-point visual analog scale. 2.Symptoms and signs scores. 3.Quality of life. 4.Laboratory indicators. 5.adverse effects.

**Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis:** The Cochrane Collaboration Tool 2.0.

**Strategy of data synthesis:** When RevMan software is selected for data analysis,  $I^2$  is greater than or equal to 50% and P is less than 0, heterogeneity is considered. There is random effect size of heterogeneity selection, while there is no combined effect size of fixed effect of heterogeneity selection.

**Subgroup analysis:** If necessary, subgroup analyses will be performed based on different types of interventions, control interventions, treatment regiments, etc.

**Sensitivity analysis:** RevMan software use a sensitivity analysis.

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

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