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Associations of migraines with suicide ideation or attempts: a meta-analysis

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METHODS

Participant or population: Migraines.

Intervention: Assessment of suicidal ideation or attempt.

Comparator: Suicide ideation or attempts.

Study designs to be included: Meta analysis.

Eligibility criteria: Studies were included if they fulfilled the following requirements: (a) they were observational studies, including cohort, case-control, or cross-sectional studies, evaluating associations of migraines with suicide ideation or attempts; (b) they reported adjusted odds ratios (AORs) with 95% confidence intervals (CIs) in the migraine cohort, and compared the results with a nonmigraineur population, and (c) they were published in English. Exclusion criteria during the abstract review included: (a) articles that were meeting abstracts, case reports, discussions, editorials, reviews, letters, or commentaries; or (b) articles analyzing migraine in pregnant women.

Information sources: PubMed, EMBASE, and Web of Science databases.

Main outcome(s): Suicide ideation or attempts.

Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis: Each study was given a Newcastle-Ottawa Scale quality score.

Strategy of data synthesis: We used Stata version 12.0 (StataCorp, College Station, TX, USA) statistical software to generate summary statistics and pooled AORs using a random model.

Subgroup analysis: We conducted a subgroup analysis in migraine with suicide ideation to address potential differences between adolescents (no more than 19 years) and adults (over 19 years of age).

Sensitivity analysis: We performed a sensitivity analysis by omitting the individual studies one at a time to test the robustness of our findings.

Country(ies) involved: China.

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