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INTRODUCTION

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METHODS

Participant or population: The subjects included in the study were mainly athletes.

Intervention: The intervention program for the experimental group included static stretching, dynamic stretching, ballistic stretching, PNF stretching, foam rolling and static-dynamic stretching, Control group with light aerobic exercise or no exercise.

Comparator: The intervention program for the experimental group included static stretching, dynamic stretching, ballistic stretching, PNF stretching, foam rolling and static-dynamic stretching, Control group with light aerobic exercise or no exercise.

Study designs to be included: The study design included RCTs and an own before-and-after controlled trial design.

Eligibility criteria: 1) study subjects -- healthy adolescents with sports experience, free of other injuries and disease conditions prior to the intervention; 2) interventions -- experimental group only different warm-up methods of intervention; 3) control group -- no warm-up exercise or light aerobic running; 4) study outcomes -- the jump index was selected as countermovement jump (CMJ), the sprint index was selected as the 20-m sprint and the 30-m sprint; and 5) study design -- due to the specificity of the warm-up method intervention (short intervention time), the study design included RCTs and an own before-and-after controlled trial design. There were no significant differences between the experimental and control groups at baseline.

Information sources: Web of Science, Google Scholar, PubMed, Elsevier, CNKI, WANFANG, WEIPU.

Main outcome(s): Static stretching, dynamic stretching, ballistic stretching, PNF stretching, foam rolling and static-dynamic stretching as an end indicator.

Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis: Methodological quality was assessed using the Methodological Index for Non-randomized Studies(MINORS) scale the Newcastle-Ottawa scale (NOS) scale. publication bias tests were performed using Deek's funnel plot.

Strategy of data synthesis: Bayesian MeSH meta-analysis was performed using R software running the gemtc package in the R studio environment in conjunction with Stata software, version 13.0. The outcome indicators in this study were continuous variables, and the mean difference (MD) and 95% confidence interval (95% CI) were used as effect size indicators. Each model was set using four Markov chains for initial values, and the number of iterations was

set at 20000, with the first 5000 used for annealing. Model inconsistency was diagnosed using R software, and Brooks-Gelman-Rubin diagnostic plots were plotted to quantitatively evaluate the convergence of the models. Local inconsistency was tested using the nodal separation method. Finally, heterogeneity was tested using I^2 to measure the magnitude of heterogeneity under the random-effects model, with $I^2 \leq 50\%$ indicating low interstudy heterogeneity and $I^2 > 50\%$ indicating high interstudy heterogeneity. The network relationships were mapped using Stata software, version 13.0, and analysed for risk of publication bias; the metrics were ranked by surface under the cumulative ranking (SUCRA), where $0 \leq \text{SUCRA} \leq 100\%$, 100% representing the most effective warm-up method and 0 the worst and least effective. Finally, subgroup analyses were conducted to explore the effects of moderating variables.

Subgroup analysis: The study was planned to include stretching time, mean age, study population, sample size, Year of publication, quality of literature as moderating variables for subgroup analysis.

Sensitivity analysis: Sensitivity analysis was carried out by stata software to reflect the sensitivity of this study through the change in effect size by removing one of the literature.

Country(ies) involved: China.

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