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## Transoral robotic surgery in the management of submandibular gland sialoliths: a systematic review.

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**Review question / Objective:** The purpose of the present study was to systematically review the literature to determine the efficacy and safety of transoral robotic surgery (TORS) in the management of SMG sialolithiasis.

**Patient, Participant, or population:** Patients with submandibular gland sialolithiasis who underwent robot-assisted sialolithotomy.

**Information sources:** The PubMed, Embase, and Cochrane databases. Additionally, the reference lists in all preselected articles were screened for further relevant papers.

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### INTRODUCTION

**Review question / Objective:** The purpose of the present study was to systematically review the literature to determine the efficacy and safety of transoral robotic surgery (TORS) in the management of SMG sialolithiasis.

**Condition being studied:** Submandibular gland sialolithiasis.

### METHODS

**Participant or population:** Patients with submandibular gland sialolithiasis who underwent robot-assisted sialolithotomy.

**Intervention:** The evaluation of sialolith location(s), sialolith size(s), used robotic surgical system, variation of TORS-assisted sialolithotomy, procedure success rate, procedure duration, intraoperative complications, postoperative

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complications and time until symptom resolution.

**Comparator:** N/A.

**Study designs to be included:** Non-randomized prospective and retrospective studies.

**Eligibility criteria:** English language full-text papers describing the application of robot-assisted sialolithotomy (RAS) in the removal of the submandibular gland sialoliths.

**Information sources:** The PubMed, Embase, and Cochrane databases. Additionally, the reference lists in all preselected articles were screened for further relevant papers.

**Main outcome(s):** To determine the efficacy and safety of robot-assisted sialolithotomy in patients with submandibular gland sialolithiasis.

**Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis:** N/A.

**Strategy of data synthesis:** Qualitative data were analyzed and presented in the descriptive manner. In order to calculate the weighted averages of all available quantitative parameters, weights were selected proportionally to the sample size.

**Subgroup analysis:** Patients who underwent a specific variation of TORS-assisted sialolithotomy (i.e. (1) TORS followed by sialendoscopy (TS); (2) sialendoscopy followed by TORS and sialendoscopy (STS); (3) sialendoscopy followed by TORS only (ST); TORS without sialendoscopy (T)).

**Sensitivity analysis:** N/A.

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

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