**INTRODUCTION**

**Review question / Objective:** Comparing clinical outcomes between graft-less and grafting maxillary sinus floor elevation treating loss of bone height on posterior maxilla.

**Condition being studied:** Maxillary sinus floor elevation was a method of augmentation of posterior maxilla in implant surgery. Graft-less maxillary sinus floor elevation was a predictable procedure for implant surgery, in contrast to applying bone or bone substitute under raised sinus membrane.

**Eligibility criteria:**

- **Inclusion criteria:**
  1. a split-mouth study
  2. age of patients included $\geq 18$.

- **Exclusion criteria:**
  1. Animal or in vitro studies
  2. one-arm study
  3. patent.

**INPLASY registration number:** This protocol was registered with the International Platform of Registered Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis Protocols (INPLASY) on 16 May 2023 and was last updated on 16 May 2023 (registration number INPLASY202350067).

**Support:** None.

**Review Stage at time of this submission:** Preliminary searches.

**Conflicts of interest:** None declared.
bone or bone substitute under raised sinus membrane.

**METHODS**

**Participant or population:** Patients with loss of bone height on posterior maxilla receive the treatment of maxillary sinus floor elevation in implant surgery.

**Intervention:** Patients with insufficient residual bone height on posterior maxilla undergoing graft-less maxillary sinus floor elevation.

**Comparator:** Patients with insufficient residual bone height on posterior maxilla undergoing maxillary sinus floor elevation with bone grafting.

**Study designs to be included:** The exclusion criteria were as following: (1) non-human studies (2) non-original studies (letters, reviews, comments, editorials) (3) studies that did not include maxillary sinus floor elevation with or without bone grafting (4) studies with available data can be extracted (5) non-comparative studies (6) randomized controlled trials (RCTs) and prospective cohort trials (PCTs).

**Eligibility criteria:** Inclusion criteria: (1) a split-mouth study (2) age of patients included ≥18. Exclusion criteria: (1) Animal or in vitro studies (2) one-arm study (3) patent.

**Information sources:** Using the three databases of PubMed, Embase and Web of Science, a systematic literature search was conducted May, 2023. The language was restricted to English.

**Main outcome(s):** (1) bone height gain (2) stability of implant with an observation of at least 3 months (3) survival of implant with an observation of at least 1 year.

**Additional outcome(s):** (1) change of histology (2) marginal bone loss height.

**Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis:** The quality of included studies (RCTs) was evaluated with The Cochrane Collaboration's tool for assessing risk of bias. The Newcastle-Ottawa scale assessed the quality of included studies (PCTs).

**Strategy of data synthesis:** Statistical analysis were performed with Review Manager 5.3 and Stata12.0. Risk ratio (RR) with 95% CI was used to compare binary variables. The weighted mean difference (WMD) and 95% CI were calculated for continuous variables. The Cochrane Q p value and I² statistic were used to test heterogeneity. If p value < 0.05 or I² > 50%, the results should be merged with a random-effect model. Otherwise, a fixed-effect model can be applied. A p value.

**Subgroup analysis:** We perform analysis of subgroup with more than 10 included studies, otherwise subgroup will not be analysed in this article. Procedure of maxilla floor elevation will be included in each group.

**Sensitivity analysis:** When there was significant heterogeneity, sensitivity analysis was performed in STATA 14.0

**Language restriction:** English.

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

**Keywords:** maxillary sinus floor elevation; bone graft; meta-analysis.

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