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## Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation for the treatment of Gambling Disorder: a systematic review

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randomized, non randomized studies, and observational/  
descriptive studies such as case reports and case series  
written in English; studies exploring an adult population, over  
the age of 18.

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### INTRODUCTION

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on Gambling Disorder?

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### METHODS

**Search strategy:** We will search the  
following electronic databases: MEDLINE  
(through PubMed), EMBASE, and Web of  
Science.

**Participant or population:** Adults with  
Gambling Disorder.

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**Intervention:** Repetitive and Theta Burst Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation.

**Comparator:** Sham stimulation.

**Study designs to be included:** Randomized and non randomized studies (single and double-blind), and observational/descriptive studies such as case reports and case series.

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**Main outcome(s):** Changes in clinical outcomes.

**Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis:** CC and a second reviewer will independently assess risk of bias using the Cochrane Risk of Bias tool, considering how the sequence was generated, how allocation was concealed, integrity of blinding at outcome, completeness of outcome data, selective reporting, and other biases.

**Strategy of data synthesis:** We will provide a narrative synthesis of the findings from the included studies.

**Subgroup analysis:** We will provide a narrative synthesis of findings according to the types of stimulation parameters and the outcome measures.

**Sensitivity analysis:** No sensitivity analysis are planned.

**Language restriction:** English.

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

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