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The influence of anesthesia in long-term oncological outcomes after colorectal surgery: a systematic review of prospective studies

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INTRODUCTION

Review question / Objective The aim of the study is to investigate the impact of anesthesia-related intervention in colorectal cancer recurrence and long-term survival in prospective studies.

Condition being studied The influence of anesthesia on cancer recurrence has become a hot topic in recent years. Preclinical experiments showed that anesthetic and analgesic may potentially impact the prognosis of the cancer. However, only a few studies reported long-term outcomes. Most prospective studies in this direction were published in the last ten years. It is necessary to perform a systematic review of prospective studies on the impact of anesthesia-related intervention on colorectal cancer recurrence and long-term survival.

METHODS

Participant or population Patients who underwent colorectal cancer surgeries under anesthesia.

Intervention Anesthesia-related interventions during surgery, including epidural anesthesia, nerve block, anesthetics, and analgesics.

Comparator Control group in individual studies. For example, epidural anesthesia VS general anesthesia.

Study designs to be included Prospective studies (including RCTs and cohort studies).

Eligibility criteria The inclusion criteria were: patients receved colorectal cancer surgeries under anesthesia. (2) Intraoperative anesthesia-related intervention was used. (3) Cancer recurrence or

(and) long-term survival were measured outcomes. (4) The follow-up period was at least 1 year. The Exclusion criteria were: (1) Animal research studies. (2) Retrospective studies. (3) Case series or reviews.

Information sources Pubmed, Web of Science, Embase, and Clinicaltrials.gov.

Main outcome(s) Long-term survival.

Additional outcome(s) Cancer recurrence or (and) metastasis.

Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis Cochrane Risk of Bias Tool will be used to assess the bias. Two authors will assess the bias of the included studies independently.

Strategy of data synthesis Outcomes will be represented in tables. Meta-analysis will not be performed because of high heterogeneity of the interventions.

Subgroup analysis Rectal and colon cancer, if necessary.

Sensitivity analysis NA.

Language restriction English language studies only.

Country(ies) involved China.

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