Conventional and drug-eluting beads transarterial chemoembolization for patients with inoperable intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma: a meta-analysis

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METHODS
Search strategy (((Drug-eluting beads) OR (DEB)) AND (conventional)) AND (((transarterial chemoembolization) OR (TACE))) AND ((intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma) OR (ICC)).

Condition being studied Both conventional and drug-eluting beads transarterial chemoembolization have been used for patients with inoperable intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma. However, the comparison between these 2 methods is unclear.

Eligibility criteria (a) Types of studies: comparative studies; (b) Diseases: patients with inoperable ICC; (c) Types of interventions: cTACE and DEB-TACE; (d) Languages: no limitation.

Information sources PubMed, Cochrane Library, and Wanfang databases.

Main outcome(s) Overall survival.

Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis The Cochrane risk-of-bias tool and Newcastle-Ottawa scale.
Strategy of data synthesis This meta-analysis and associated analyses were conducted using RevMan v5.3 and Stata v12.0.

Subgroup analysis None.

Sensitivity analysis Yes.

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