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Use of acupuncture in sepsis with gastrointestinal dysfunction: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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INTRODUCTION

Review question / Objective We aimed to perform a systematic review and meta-analysis to evaluate the effects of AP in this patient population.

Condition being studied Condition being studied: The research team comes from the Department of Critical Care Medicine of a tertiary hospital in China, and all the team members have perfect clinical experience in critical care and resuscitation. Moreover, our team members have published more than 30 meta-analyses, which can guarantee the successful completion of the current research.

METHODS

Participant or population Septic adults (aged ≥18 years) with GID.

Intervention Acupuncture technique.

Comparator Usual care without acupuncture technique.

Study designs to be included RCT.

Eligibility criteria Studies were eligible for inclusion if they were randomized controlled trials (RCTs) focusing on the effect and safety of acupuncture technique in septic adults (aged ≥18 years) with GID.

Information sources PubMed, Embase, Wanfang Data Knowledge Service Platform, China National Knowledge Infrastructure, and the Cochrane Library.

Main outcome(s) GID indicators.

Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysisCochrane Risk of Bias tool for RCTs.

Strategy of data synthesis Meta-analysis.

Subgroup analysis (1) types of acupuncture techniques: MA or EA; (2) sample size: ≥100 or <100; and (3) combined therapy: with AP with or without other therapies.

Sensitivity analysis None.

Country(ies) involved China.

Keywords Acupuncture; septic shock; gastrointestinal dysfunction; randomized controlled trials; meta-analysis.

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