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Reporting of research priorities in migraine clinical practice guidelines still need improvement — A methodological analysis

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INTRODUCTION

Review question / Objective Systematic analysis of the content and format of research priorities in clinical practice guidelines (cPGs) for migraine.

Condition being studied Migraine is a highly disabling neurological disorder. Existing relevant guidelines contain some recommendations with weak evidence, and although they include priority research suggestions, such suggestions are limited in research methods and insufficient in reporting and analysis. This study evaluates the reporting status of research suggestions in migraine guidelines through systematic retrieval and analysis, so as to provide references for subsequent related research and guideline development.

METHODS

Search strategy We will perform comprehensive searches across six databases—including China National Knowledge Infrastructure (CNKI), VIP Chinese Technical Periodicals Database, Chinese Biomedical Literature Database (CBM), Wanfang Data, Embase, and PubMed—as well as the official platforms of 39 authoritative entities.

Participant or population Migraine clinical practice guidelines.

Intervention Not applicable.

Comparator Not applicable.

Study designs to be included Clinical practice guidelines.

Eligibility criteria All clinical practice guidelines (CPGs) to be incorporated in this study will be required to contain recommendations pertaining to migraine, with each eligible guideline featuring no fewer than one specific suggestion targeted at this disorder.

Information sources We will perform comprehensive searches across six databases—including China National Knowledge Infrastructure (CNKI), VIP Chinese Technical Periodicals Database, Chinese Biomedical Literature Database (CBM), Wanfang Data, Embase, and PubMed—as well as the official platforms of 39 authoritative entities.

Main outcome(s) Not applicable.

Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis Not applicable.

Strategy of data synthesis Descriptive statistical methods were utilized to compute the absolute counts and proportions of research-related items.

Subgroup analysis Not applicable.

Sensitivity analysis Not applicable.

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