Supplementary Material

Inhaled therapies targeting prostacyclin pathway in pulmonary hypertension due to COPD: systematic review

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**Appendices**

Search strategy for the systematic review

# Table S1: Search strategy in Medline, Embase, Cochrane and Scopus

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| **Search strategy in Ovid MEDLINE(R) and embase** |
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| 1 exp Lung Diseases, Obstructive/ 231884 |
| 2 (chronic adj2 (air\* adj2 obstruct\*)).kf,fx,tw. 2305 |
| 3 ((lung\* or pulmon\* or respirat\* or bronchopulmon\*) adj3 obstruct\*).kf,fx,tw. 73558 |
| 4 (COAD or COBD or COPD).kf,fx,tw. 56809 |
| 5 ((centriacinar\* or centrilobular\* or focal or panacinar\* or panlobular\* or pulmonar\*) adj2 emphysem\*).kf,fx,tw. 7378 |
| 6 exp Bronchitis/ 31090 |
| 7 "bronchit\*".ab,kf,ti,fx. 24800 |
| 8 exp Hypoxia/ 87544 |
| 9 hypoxia.kf,fx,tw. 132808 |
| 10 (oxygen adj4 (lack\* or deprivation\*)).kf,fx,tw. 9261 |
| 11 1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5 or 6 or 7 278312 |
| 12 8 or 9 or 10 179321 |
| 13 11 or 12 453757 |
| 14 exp Hypertension/ 311077 |
| 15 (hypertension or (blood adj2 pressure\*)).kf,fx,tw. 673464 |
| 16 14 or 15 738087 |
| 17 exp Epoprostenol/ 12873 |
| 18 (Epoprostenol or prostacyclin or treprostinil or iEPO or PGI2 or tyvaso or flolan).kf,fx,tw. 18577 |
| 19 exp Iloprost/ 2110 |
| 20 (iloprost or ventavis).kf,fx,tw. 2625 |
| 21 17 or 18 or 19 or 20 22680 |
| 22 13 and 16 24465 |
| 23 21 and 22 333 |
| 24 Limit 23 to English |
| **Search strategy in Scopus** |
| ( TITLE-ABS-KEY ( \*obstructive AND lung AND diseases\* ) OR TITLE-ABS-KEY ( ( chronic AND air\* AND obstruct\* ) ) OR TITLE-ABS-KEY ( ( coad OR cobd OR copd ) ) OR TITLE-ABS-KEY ( ( ( centriacinar\* OR centrilobular\* OR focal OR panacinar\* OR panlobular\* OR pulmonar\* ) emphysem\* ) ) OR TITLE-ABS-KEY ( bronchitis ) OR TITLE-ABS-KEY ( ( oxygen AND lack\* OR deprivation\* ) ) AND TITLE-ABS-KEY ( hypertension ) OR TITLE-ABS-KEY ( ( hypertension OR ( \*blood AND pressure\* ) ) ) AND TITLE-ABS-KEY ( ( epoprostenol OR prostacyclin OR treprostinil OR iepo OR pgi2 OR tyvaso OR flolan ) ) OR TITLE-ABS-KEY ( iloprost OR ventavis ) ) AND ( LIMIT-TO ( LANGUAGE , "English" ) ) |
| **Search strategy in Cochrane** |
| ID Search Hits |
| #1 MeSH descriptor: [Lung Diseases, Obstructive] explode all trees 20954 |
| #2 (chronic NEXT (air\* and obstruct\*)):ti,ab,kw OR ((coad OR cobd OR copd)):ti,ab,kw OR ((centriacinar\* OR centrilobular\* OR focal OR panacinar\* OR panlobular\* OR pulmonar\* ) NEXT (emphysem\* )):ti,ab,kw OR ((lung\* or pulmon\* or respirat\* or bronchopulmon\*) NEXT (obstruct\*)):ti,ab,kw (Word variations have been searched) 23974 |
| #3 MeSH descriptor: [Bronchitis] explode all trees 1907 |
| #4 (bronchit\*):ti,ab,kw (Word variations have been searched) 4540 |
| #5 #1 or #2 or #3 or #4 39651 |
| #6 MeSH descriptor: [Hypoxia] explode all trees 2433 |
| #7 (hypoxia):ti,ab,kw 7295 |
| #8 (oxygen NEXT (lack\* or deprivation\*)):ti,ab,kw 23 |
| #9 #6 or #7 or #8 7310 |
| #10 #5 or #9 46568 |
| #11 MeSH descriptor: [Hypertension] explode all trees 20110 |
| #12 (hypertension or (blood NEXT pressure\*)):ti,ab,kw 139798 |
| #13 #11 or #12 139798 |
| #14 MeSH descriptor: [Epoprostenol] explode all trees 542 |
| #15 ((Epoprostenol or prostacyclin or treprostinil or iEPO or PGI2 or tyvaso or flolan)):ti,ab,kw 1667 |
| #16 MeSH descriptor: [Iloprost] explode all trees 228 |
| #17 ((iloprost or ventavis)):ti,ab,kw 508 |
| #18 #14 or #15 or #16 or #17 1965 |
| #19 #10 AND #13 3827 |
| #20 #18 AND #19 36 |

Risk Of Bias Assessment

**Table S2: Summary of the Cochrane risk of bias in non-randomized studies assessment**

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| Domain | Bajawa et al, 2017 | Wang et al. 2017 | Dernaika et al. 2010 |
| Bias due to confounding | Low | Low | Low |
| Bias in selection of participants into the study | Low | Low | Low |
| Bias in classification of interventions | Low | Low | Low |
| Bias due to deviations from intended interventions | Low | Low | Low |
| Bias due to missing data | Low | Low | Low |
| Bias in measurement of outcomes | Low | Low | Low |
| Bias in selection of the reported result | Medium | Low | Low |
| Overall bias | Medium bias | Low bias | Low bias |

**Table S3: Summary of the Cochrane risk of bias in randomized studies (crossover) trials assessment**

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| Domain | Boeck et al. 2012 |
| Risk of bias arising from the randomization process | Low |
| Risk of bias arising from period and carryover effects | Low |
| Risk of bias due to deviations from the intended interventions (effect of assignment to intervention) | Low |
| Risk of bias due to deviations from the intended interventions (effect of adhering to intervention) | Low |
| Risk of bias due to missing outcome data | Low |
| Risk of bias in measurement of the outcome | Low |
| Risk of bias in selection of the reported result | Low |
| Overall bias | Low bias |