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Title: Chinese herbal medicine Guizhi Fuling Formula for treatment of uterine fibroids: a systematic review of randomised clinical trials

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Chinese herbal medicine Guizhi Fuling formula has been widely applied for uterine fibroids in China. Although a large amount of clinical trials on Guizhi Fuling formula in the treatment of uterine fibroids have been reported in literature, there is not yet a systematic review comprehensively collecting and analysing randomised controlled trials on Guizhi Fuling Formula. Therefore, we conducted this systematic review and meta-analysis to evaluate the efficacy and safety of Guizhi Fuling formula for the treatment of uterine fibroids.

The protocol of this review was registered at PROSPERO (CRD42013003541) based in University of York, UK. In our study, we identified 38 randomised clinical trials testing Guizhi Fuling formula (capsules/pills) in the treatment of uterine fibroids. We found Guizhi Fuling Formula might have additional benefit based on mifepristone treatment in reducing volume of fibroids. The findings of this review would provide implications for current practice and further clinical trials. None of the data has been submitted or presented in conference. All authors have read the final version and approved the submission.

We hope that our findings could be interesting to the international readers. We believe *BMC Complementary and Alternative Medicine* would be the best place to disseminate our findings.

We look forward to your positive response.

Sincerely yours,

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