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The objective of the trial is to establish the evaluation index system for the integration of TCM and western medicine. The evaluation indexes which include Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) items will specify the research design and methods. By putting the protocol into practice, the clinical effects of TCM for heart failure (HF) will be identified scientifically, objectively as well as rationally. The proper index system which built in the trial will be helpful for the clinical effect expression of HF treated with integrated medicine in future.

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