

# Thrombocytopenia in Continuous Kidney Replacement Therapy (CKRT): A Systematic Literature Review and Assessment of its Clinical Relevance



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Supplemental Table 1. Search criteria used for Embase and PubMed databases.

Step	Procedure
1	Set up a search with at least two of the following database search engines: a. EMBASE b. PUBMED
2	<p>Perform a comprehensive literature search specific to the FME product using defined search criteria in <b>EMBASE</b>.</p> <p>Search # Criteria</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 (random\$ or rct).tw</li> <li>2 exp randomized controlled trials/</li> <li>3 exp random allocation</li> <li>4 exp double blind[Method]</li> <li>5 exp single blind method/</li> <li>6 Randomized controlled trial.pt</li> <li>7 Clinical trial.pt</li> <li>8 (clin\$ adj trial\$).tw</li> <li>9 (clin\$ or double\$ or trebl\$ or tripl\$) adj(blind\$ or mask\$)).tw.</li> <li>10 Exp PLACEBOS/</li> <li>11 Exp Research Design/</li> <li>12 Exp Prospective Studies/</li> <li>13 Exp Comparative Study/</li> <li>14 Exp*random allocation/mt</li> <li>15 1-14</li> <li>16 Exp kidney failure acute, acute kidney injury/</li> <li>17 16 and thrombocytopenia</li> <li>18 17 and dialyzer or membrane OR device OR mechanism</li> <li>19 18 and Fresenius Medical Care OR FMC OR FME OR FMCNA OR Fresenius OR Baxter OR NxStage</li> <li>20 19 and continuous renal replacement therapy OR continuous kidney replacement therapy OR CRRT OR CKRT</li> <li>21 17 and clotting OR clogging, OR filter life OR circuit life OR bleeding OR adverse event</li> <li>22 17 and epidemiology OR management OR mitigation</li> <li>23 17 and risk factors, anticoagulation OR anticoagulant, OR drug interaction</li> <li>24 15-23</li> <li>25 Limit 24 to the English language.</li> <li>26 Limit 25 to adults</li> <li>27 Limit 26 to Case reports or case series publications.</li> <li>28 Limit 27 to (addresses or bibliography or comment or dictionary or directory or editorial or festschrift or guideline or interview or lectures or legal case or letter or meta-analysis or news or periodical index or practice guideline or review literature or review of reported cases or review, academic or review, multicase or review, tutorial)</li> </ol>
3	<p>Perform a comprehensive literature search specific to the product using defined search criteria in <b>PubMed</b>:</p> <p>Search # Criteria</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Search first for random with multiple endings or randomized controlled trials, then look for text words tag.</li> <li>2 Search for subject heading "randomized controlled trials" and also broader subject headings, and narrow down under those found.</li> <li>3 Search for "random allocation" and broader subject headings, and narrow down under those found.</li> <li>4 Search for "Double-blind" with Method tag and broader subject headings, and narrow down under those found.</li> <li>5 Search for the subject heading "single-blind method" and also broader subject headings, and narrow down under those found.</li> <li>6 Search "randomized clinical trial" under publication type.</li> <li>7 Search "clinical trial" under publication type.</li> <li>8 Search for words "clin" with any alternate ending and words that are close to "trial" with any alternative endings, then any tags of text words.</li> <li>9 Search first for words "clin" or "double" or "trebl" or "tripl" with any alternative endings, then search words "blind" or "mask" with any alternative endings that are close to each other, and finally search for text words tag.</li> <li>10 Search for subject headings "placebos" and also broader subject headings, and narrow down under those found.</li> <li>11 Search for subject headings "research design" and also broader subject headings, and narrow down under those found.</li> <li>12 Search for subject headings "prospective studies" and also broader subject headings, and narrow down under those found.</li> <li>13 Search for subject headings "comparative study" and also broader subject headings, and narrow down under those found.</li> <li>14 Search for subject headings "random allocation," which is the major focus of the article, and also broader subject headings, and narrow down under those found, also using the mesh (medical) term.</li> <li>15 Search for current subject headings or saved search #s 1-14</li> <li>17 Search for subject headings "kidney failure acute", "acute kidney injury", and also broader subject headings, and narrow down under those found.</li> <li>18 Search for 17 and Fresenius Medical Care OR FMC OR FME OR FMCNA OR Fresenius OR Baxter OR NxStage</li> <li>19 Search for 17 and continuous renal replacement therapy OR continuous kidney replacement therapy OR CRRT OR CKRT.</li> <li>20 Search for 17 and clotting OR clogging, OR filter life OR circuit life OR bleeding OR adverse event.</li> <li>21 Search for 17 and epidemiology OR management OR mitigation.</li> <li>22 Search for 17 and risk factors, anticoagulation OR anticoagulant, OR drug interaction.</li> <li>23 15-22</li> <li>24 Limit 23 to the English language</li> <li>25 Limit 24 to adults</li> <li>26 Limit 25 to Case reports or case series publications.</li> <li>27 Limit saved search 26 to addresses or bibliography or comment or dictionary or directory or editorial or festschrift or guideline or interview or lectures or legal case or letter or meta-analysis or news or periodical index or practice guideline or review literature or review of reported cases or review, academic or review, multicase or review, tutorial.</li> </ol>

Step	Procedure
4	<p>Perform a comprehensive literature search specific to the product using defined search criteria in <b>Google Scholar</b>:</p> <p>Search # Criteria</p> <p>1 Search for subject headings “kidney failure acute”, “acute kidney injury”, and also broader subject headings, and narrow down under those found.</p> <p>2 Search for 1 and Fresenius Medical Care OR FMC OR FME OR FMCNA OR Fresenius OR Baxter OR NxStage</p> <p>3 Search for 1 and continuous renal replacement therapy OR continuous kidney replacement therapy OR CRRT OR CKRT.</p> <p>4 Search for 1 and clotting OR clogging, OR filter life OR circuit life OR bleeding OR adverse event.</p> <p>5 Search for 1 and epidemiology OR management OR mitigation.</p> <p>6 Search for 1 and risk factors, anticoagulation OR anticoagulant, OR drug interaction.</p> <p>7 Search for 1-6</p> <p>8 Limit 7 to the English language</p> <p>9 Limit 8 to adults</p> <p>10 Limit 9 to Case reports or case series publications.</p> <p>11 Limit saved search 10 to addresses or bibliography or comment or dictionary or directory or editorial or festschrift or guideline or interview or lectures or legal case or letter or meta-analysis or news or periodical index or practice guideline or review literature or review of reported cases or review, academic or review, multicase or review, tutorial.</p>

Supplemental Table 2. Drugs associated with thrombocytopenia according to vigibase.

Drug	Number of Notifications (N=1787)	ROR (95% CI)
Acetylsalicylic acid	26	1.8 (1.2-2.7)
Acyclovir	6	3.7 (1.7-8.3)
Alemtuzumab	239	159.5 (140.9-185.1)
Bisoprolol	6	3.3 (1.5-7.3)
Busulfan	5	10.1 (4.2-24.3)
Cephalexin	7	4.2 (2.0-8.7)
Clopidogrel	17	3.0 (1.8-4.8)
Diphtheria, hepatitis B, HIB, pertussis, polio, and tetanus vaccines	18	4.2 (2.6-6.7)
Diphtheria, HIB, pertussis, polio, and tetanus vaccine	8	2.8 (1.4-5.7)
Diphtheria, pertussis, polio, and tetanus vaccines	26	5.9 (4.0-8.7)
Diphtheria, pertussis, and tetanus vaccine	47	3.5 (2.6-4.7)
Doxorubicin	14	2.0 (1.2-3.4)
Doxycycline	15	6.0 (3.6-10.0)
Ethinylestradiol; etonogestrel	6	2.7 (1.2-6.0)
Filgrastim	6	4.8 (2.2-10.7)
Fingolimod	30	3.7 (2.6-5.4)
Fludarabine	11	10.1 (5.6-18.3)
Folinic acid	15	8.1 (4.9-13.5)
Eculizumab	18	4.7 (2.9-7.5)
Guanfacine	10	39.4 (21.1-73.3)
Hepatitis A vaccine	43	11.3 (8.4-15.3)
Hepatitis B vaccine	76	15.0 (11.9-18.8)
HIB vaccine	68	16.8 (13.2-21.4)
HPV vaccine	58	5.8 (4.4-7.5)
Ibrutinib	27	7.1 (4.9-10.4)
Ifosfamide	5	4.0 (1.7-9.7)
Immunoglobulin human anti-rabies	8	83.4 (41.5-167.5)
Influenza vaccine	70	3.4 (2.6-4.3)
Ipilimumab	17	8.5 (5.3-13.7)
Irinotecan	23	6.9 (4.6-10.4)
Losartan	13	6.7 (3.9-11.6)
Measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine	114	10.9 (9.0-13.2)
Measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella-zoster vaccine	39	16.1 (11.7-22.2)
Measles and rubella vaccine	10	22.7 (12.2-42.3)

Drug	Number of Notifications (N=1787)	ROR (95% CI)
Melphalan	5	5.9 (2.5-14.2)
Meningococcal vaccine	73	8.6 (6.8-10.8)
Nivolumab	47	10.5 (7.8-14.0)
Ondansetron	6	3.9 (1.7-8.6)
Oxaliplatin	35	4.3 (3.0-5.9)
Peginterferon alfa-2a	12	2.7 (1.5-4.7)
Peginterferon alfa-2b	5	3.0 (1.3;7.3)
Pembrolizumab	24	9.4 (6.3-14.1)
Pneumococcal vaccine	136	7.4 (6.2-8.8)
Polio vaccine	38	5.9 (4.3-8.1)
Rabies vaccine	14	16.1 (9.5-27.2)
Ribavirin	19	2.4 (1.5-3.7)
Rivaroxaban	33	2.5 (1.8-3.5)
Rotavirus vaccine	54	9.5 (7.3-12.5)
Sofosbuvir	7	3.7 (1.8-7.8)
Sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim	22	3.1 (2.1-4.8)
Sunitinib	9	2.8 (1.4-5.3)
Tacrolimus	24	4.4 (2.9-6.5)
Temozolomide	13	9.7 (5.6-16.8)
Teriflunomide	7	2.2 (1.1-4.7)
Ticagrelor	6	2.9 (1.3-6.4)
Typhoid vaccine	9	8.3 (4.3-15.9)
Vancomycin	22	4.2 (2.8-6.4)
Varicella zoster vaccine	45	3.0 (2.2-4.0)
Vedolizumab	5	2.4 (1.0-5.8)
Venetoclax	8	6.2 (3.1-12.3)
Yellow fever vaccine	8	3.6 (1.8-7.2)

**Supplemental Table 3. Additional drugs associated with thrombocytopenia from case reports, labs, and AERS.**

Abciximab	Acetaminophen	Amiodarone
Ampicillin	Carbamazepine	Eptifibatide
Ethambutol	Haloperidol	Ibuprofen
Naproxen	Phenytoin	Piperacillin
Quinidine	Quinine	Ranitidine
Rifampin	Simvastatin	Sulfisoxazole
Tirofiban	Valproic acid	

**Supplemental Table 4. Additional drugs with five or more published reports showing definite or probable evidence for a causal relationship to thrombocytopenia.**

Chlorpropamide	Cimetidine	Danazol
Diclofenac	Efalizumab	Gold
Heparin	Hydrochlorothiazide	Methyldopa
Nalidixic acid		

**Note:** Finally, in another more recent study, eight databases were examined for articles published between January 2015 and November 2018 that demonstrated definite evidence for a causal association of drugs with thrombocytopenia. The drugs found in this study that have not been previously discussed here are included in [Supplemental Table 5](#).

**Supplemental Table 5. Additional drugs with definite evidence for causal association with thrombocytopenia from eight databases.**

Aceclofenac	Leucovorin	Dexamethasone
Pyrazinamide	Flucloxacillin	Quetiapine

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