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Structured summary	2	<p>Abstract</p> <p>Objective: We performed a meta-analysis to explore the role of hypoxia-inducible factor-1α (HIF-1α) C1772T/G1790A polymorphisms in the progress of head and neck cancer (HNC).</p> <p>Materials and Methods: PubMed, Embase and Web of Science databases were used to retrieve the eligible published papers. Pooled odds ratios (ORs) and corresponding 95% confidence intervals (CIs) were used to evaluate the correlation strength.</p> <p>Results: Our results demonstrated that HIF-1α C1772T polymorphism was significantly related to an increased HNC risk (OR=2.27, 95%CI=1.17-4.42 for homozygous model; OR=11.53, 95%CI=1.11-120.4 for recessive model), especially exists in Caucasians (OR=2.16, 95%CI=1.09-4.27 for homozygous model; OR=2.28, 95%CI=1.15-5.51 for recessive model). Similarly, the remarkable correlation was discovered between G1790A polymorphism and HNC risk (OR=72.11, 95%CI=2.08-2502.4 for homozygous model; OR=58.05, 95%CI=1.70-1985.77 for recessive model). Moreover, in the subgroup analysis by source of controls, a statistically significant correlation was discovered in population-based (PB) subgroup, but not in hospital-based (HB) subgroup.</p> <p>Conclusion: Our study demonstrated that both HIF-1α C1772T and G1790A polymorphisms might be strongly related to the higher risk of HNC, especially among Caucasian group for C1772T polymorphism.</p>																																																																																											
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		Chen MK	2009	China	Asian	PCR-RFLP	PB	174/347	1	20	153	0	14	333	OC	0.701
		Munoz-Guerra MF	2009	Spain	Caucasion	PCR-RFLP	PB	64/139	3	21	40	0	9	130	OSCC	0.693
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		Study design: case-control study.														

METHODS

Protocol and registration	5	Indicate if a review protocol exists, if and where it can be accessed (e.g., Web address), and, if available, provide registration information including registration number.														
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Information sources	7	PubMed, Embase and Web of Science databases were used to retrieve the eligible published papers.	
Search	8	A computerized literature search was conducted by the databases of PubMed, Embase and Web of Science for identifying the qualified studies with the following terms: 'hif-1 α ' or 'hypoxia-inducible factor-1 α ' or 'hif-1' or 'hypoxia-inducible factor-1' And 'mutation' or 'mutations' or 'variants' or 'variant' or 'polymorphism' or 'polymorphisms' And 'carcinoma' or 'neoplasm' or 'tumor' or 'cancer' or 'carcinogenesis' And 'head and neck' or 'HNC' or 'oral' or 'oral cavity' or 'pharyngeal' or 'laryngeal' or 'laryngopharyngeal' or 'hypopharyngeal' or 'nasopharyngeal' or 'oropharyngeal'. Finally, we scanned references cited by all the included studies to identify eligible studies.	
Study selection	9	<p>PRISMA 2009 Flow Diagram</p> <p>The diagram illustrates the study selection process across four stages: Identification, Screening, Eligibility, and Included.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identification: 150 records identified through database searching. Screening: 94 records after duplicates removed. Eligibility: 94 records screened. 61 titles and abstracts were excluded. 33 full-text articles were assessed for eligibility. Included: 26 full-text articles were excluded for the following reasons: 9 reviews, 11 with no comparison needed, 2 unable to extract enough information, and 4 others. 7 studies were included in qualitative synthesis and 7 studies were included in quantitative synthesis (meta-analysis). 	



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Data collection process	10	Three authors are responsible for extracting data and two authors are responsible for verifying the correctness of the data.	
Data items	11	Data have already been shown in the article.	
Risk of bias in individual studies	12	OHAT risk of bias rating tool was applied to evaluate the bias risk of the included articles. Publication bias analysis and sensitivity analysis have been performed in our study.	
Summary measures	13	State the principal summary measures (e.g., risk ratio, difference in means).	
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Risk of bias across studies	15	No publication bias was found.
Additional analyses	16	Sensitivity and subgroup analyses were performed in our study.

RESULTS

Study selection	17	<p>PRISMA 2009 Flow Diagram</p> <p>The flow diagram illustrates the study selection process across four stages: Identification, Screening, Eligibility, and Included. In the Identification stage, 150 records were identified through database searching. In the Screening stage, 94 records remained after duplicates were removed, and 94 records were screened. 61 titles and abstracts were excluded. In the Eligibility stage, 33 full-text articles were assessed for eligibility. 26 full-text articles were excluded for the following reasons: 9 were reviews, 11 had no comparison needed, 2 had insufficient information for extraction, and 4 were others. Finally, 7 studies were included in both qualitative and quantitative synthesis.</p> <pre> graph TD A[Records identified through database searching (n = 150)] --> B[Records after duplicates removed (n = 94)] B --> C[Records screened (n = 94)] C --> D[Titles and abstracts excluded (n = 61)] C --> E[Full-text articles assessed for eligibility (n = 33)] E --> F[Full-text articles excluded, with reasons (n = 26): 1. Review (n = 9) 2. No comparison needed (n = 11) 3. Unable to extract enough information (n = 2) 4. Others (n = 4)] E --> G[Studies included in qualitative synthesis (n = 7)] G --> H[Studies included in quantitative synthesis (meta-analysis) (n = 7)] </pre>
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Table 1 The detailed information of included articles

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FA: First author; SC: source of control; OC: oral cancer; NC: nasopharyngeal carcinoma; HNC: head and neck cancer; HB: hospital-based study; PB: population-based study; HW: Hardy Weinberg equilibrium; PCR-RFLP: polymerase chain reaction-restriction fragment length polymorphism; PCR: polymerase chain reaction

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