

# Clinical Trial Protocol

## Iranian Registry of Clinical Trials

28 May 2026

### Effectiveness of Pivotal Response Treatment in decreasing behavioral and communicative problems in autistic boys between 8-12 years old

#### Protocol summary

##### Summary

Objectives: The aim of this research is assessing effectiveness of Pivotal Response Treatment in decreasing behavioral and communicative problems in autistic boys between 8-12 years old. Design: This is a randomized clinical trial (RCT) with pre- and post test assessment. Setting and Conduct: One group will receive the PRT therapies and other group no treatment. ADI-R test, which is a standard measure, will be used as pre- and post-test to assess the efficacy of PRT. Participants: We design a in 24 children with autism described in DSM-4. The study population will be randomized into intervention and control groups. Intervention: The intervention group receive PRT during 10 weeks, while the control group will not be under this treatment as their previous year. Main outcome measurement variables: We expect to see increasing the socialization abilities in the intervention group after PRT.

#### General information

##### Acronym

##### IRCT registration information

IRCT registration number: **IRCT201205259854N1**  
Registration date: **2012-10-10, 1391/07/19**  
Registration timing: **retrospective**

Last update:

Update count: **0**

##### Registration date

2012-10-10, 1391/07/19

##### Registrant information

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##### Recruitment status

**Recruitment complete**

##### Funding source

Beautiful Mind Rehabilitation Clinic

##### Expected recruitment start date

2012-06-07, 1391/03/18

##### Expected recruitment end date

2012-09-08, 1391/06/18

##### Actual recruitment start date

empty

##### Actual recruitment end date

empty

##### Trial completion date

empty

##### Scientific title

Effectiveness of Pivotal Response Treatment in decreasing behavioral and communicative problems in autistic boys between 8-12 years old

##### Public title

Pivotal Response Treatment (PRT) in Autism

##### Purpose

Treatment

##### Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

Inclusion: 8-12 years old; diagnosis of Autism by Psychiatrist based on DSM IV; no other treatment;  
Exclusion: Other neurological disorder such as cerebral palsy; seizure; metabolic disorder; change in drugs during the intervention;

##### Age

From **8 years** old to **12 years** old

##### Gender

Male

**Phase**

2-3

**Groups that have been masked***No information***Sample size**

Target sample size: 24

**Randomization (investigator's opinion)**

Randomized

**Randomization description****Blinding (investigator's opinion)**

Not blinded

**Blinding description****Placebo**

Used

**Assignment**

Parallel

**Other design features****Secondary Ids****1****Registry name**

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**Secondary trial Id**

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**Registration date**

empty

**Ethics committees****1****Ethics committee****Name of ethics committee**Ethics Committee of Islamic Azad University of  
Tonekabon**Street address**Educational complexity of Islamic Azad University of  
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**Postal code****Approval date**

2012-08-23, 1391/06/02

**Ethics committee reference number**

15920701882006

**Health conditions studied****1****Description of health condition studied**

Autism Spectrum Disorder

**ICD-10 code**

F84.0

**ICD-10 code description**

Childhood autism

**Primary outcomes****1****Description**

Socialization

**Timepoint**

Pre- intervention and 10 weeks after intervention

**Method of measurement**

ADI- R Questionnaire

**Secondary outcomes****1****Description**Declining communication problems and stereotype  
behaviors**Timepoint**

Pre- intervention and 10 weeks after intervention

**Method of measurement**

ADI- R Questionnaire

**Intervention groups****1****Description**Pivotal Response Treatment in intervention group will be  
done for 20 sessions during 10 weeks. PRT is a  
behavioral treatment which therapist will select the  
intervention based on client's response and is completely  
client center.**Category**

Rehabilitation

**2****Description**Control group include autistic children who are not under  
any treatment and also will not receive any other during  
the research period.**Category**

Placebo

**Recruitment centers****1****Recruitment center****Name of recruitment center**

Peyke Honar Autism School

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### Sponsors / Funding sources

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#### Sponsor

**Name of organization / entity**

Vice chancellor for research, Islamic Azad University -  
Tonekabon Branch

**Full name of responsible person**

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**Grant name**

**Grant code / Reference number**

**Is the source of funding the same sponsor organization/entity?**

Yes

**Title of funding source**

Vice chancellor for research, Islamic Azad University -  
Tonekabon Branch

**Proportion provided by this source**

100

**Public or private sector**

*empty*

**Domestic or foreign origin**

*empty*

**Category of foreign source of funding**

*empty*

**Country of origin**

**Type of organization providing the funding**

*empty*

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## **Sharing plan**

**Deidentified Individual Participant Data Set (IPD)**

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**Study Protocol**

*empty*

**Statistical Analysis Plan**

*empty*

**Informed Consent Form**

*empty*

**Clinical Study Report**

*empty*

**Analytic Code**

*empty*

**Data Dictionary**

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