

Clinical Trial Protocol

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Clinical trial comparing the effects of Tea Tree Oil and artificial tear and betamethasone drops on dry eye symptoms after phacoemulsification cataract surgery

Protocol summary

Summary

This study is a clinical trial and be carried on in Farabi Ophthalmology Center that examine the dry-eye symptoms following a Phacoemulsification Cataract Surgery. The volunteers fill the Ocular Surface Disease questionnaire, and they are selected if: (1) Dry-eye symptoms following Phacoemulsification Cataract Surgery that have not improved after 1 month with conventional treatments(2) The questionnaire index is equal or more than 30. The patients are excluded if they have historic eye surgeries or diseases that cause dry eye. We will record all the relevant information from the acuity vision and Tear osmolarity testing and microscopic demodex examinations. In this study we investigate 60 eyes of 60 patients. The selected volunteers are randomly divided in two groups: (A) trial and (B) control. The control group takes Artificial Tear and betamethasone 0.1% drop and eyelid washing with eyesol shampoo without TTO every 8 hours a day for one month and the trial group takes Artificial Tear and betamethasone drop in the same way as control group as well as eyesol shampoo with TTO 5%. After one months, we repeat all the above-mentioned tests and Ocular Surface Disease Index Questionnaire. We will then compare the results of these two groups. The main outcome of this study is to compare the effects of Tea Tree Oil and artificial tear and betamethasone drops on dry eye symptoms after surgery, cataract Phacoemulsification method.

General information

Acronym

IRCT registration information

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

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Expected recruitment start date

2015-06-15, 1394/03/25

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2015-08-16, 1394/05/25

Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date

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Trial completion date

empty

Scientific title

Clinical trial comparing the effects of Tea Tree Oil and artificial tear and betamethasone drops on dry eye symptoms after phacoemulsification cataract surgery

Public title

Impact of Tea Tree Oil on dry eye treatment

Purpose

Treatment

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

The Inclusion criteria: Dry-eye symptoms following Phacoemulsification Cataract Surgery that have not improved after 1 month with conventional treatments (artificial tear and betamethasone 0.1% drops); Index of 30 or more from the Ocular Surface Disease Questionnaire; The Schirmer test of 10 millimeter or less; The Tear Break up Times of 7 seconds or less; Lack of eye trauma; The absence of uveitis. Exclusion criteria: Surgery on eyes including Surgical Correction of Refractive Errors; Using contact lenses; Systemic diseases which cause dry eye such as Sjogren, Diabetic Retinopathy and end organ damage disease

Age

No age limit

Gender

Both

Phase

N/A

Groups that have been masked

No information

Sample size

Target sample size: 60

Randomization (investigator's opinion)

Randomized

Randomization description

Blinding (investigator's opinion)

Double blinded

Blinding description

Placebo

Used

Assignment

Parallel

Other design features

Secondary Ids

empty

Ethics committees

1

Ethics committee

Name of ethics committee

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Ethics committee reference number

93-04-30-27770-148038

Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied

Dry eye syndrome

ICD-10 code

H04.1

ICD-10 code description

Other disorders of lacrimal gland

Primary outcomes

1

Description

Moisture eye

Timepoint

Before intervention-one month after treatment

Method of measurement

Schirmer Test -Millimeters

2

Description

Eye problems in performing daily

Timepoint

Before intervention-one month after treatment

Method of measurement

Ocular Surface Disease Index Questionnaire

3

Description

Tear break up time

Timepoint

Before intervention-one month after treatment

Method of measurement

Measured in seconds -With timer and Slit Lamp

4

Description

Visual acuity

Timepoint

Before intervention-one month after treatment

Method of measurement

Snellen chart

5

Description

The number of demodex of 4 eyelashes of each eye

Timepoint

Before intervention-one month after treatment

Method of measurement

Microscopic demodex examination

6

Description

Tear Osmolarity

Timepoint

Before intervention-one month after treatment

Method of measurement

Tearlab osmometer

Secondary outcomes

empty

Intervention groups

1

Description

Intervention group: The first patient with a unique code (1) be given package A (i.e.Eyesol Ophthalmic cleansing shampoo containing Tea tree oil 5% plus Betamethasone Eye Drops 0.1% plus Artelac Eye Drops). Patients need to instil a drop of artificial Eye Drops, with trademark of Artelac, every 6 hours a day for one month. It contains 1.6 milligram (0.5 millilitre) of artificial tears mainly hypromellose. In addition participants in the intervention group should instil a drop of Betamethasone Eye Drops 0.1% in the first week every 6 hours, the second week every 8 hours, the third week every 12 hours and the fourth week every 24 hours a day for one month. Betamethasone Eye Drops 0.1% with trademark of Betasonate is a product of Sina Darou. In addition participants in this group should scrub their eyelids every 8 hours with Eyesol Ophthalmic cleansing shampoo containing Tea tree oil 5%, Rewopol,Rewoteric ,HEC,PEG - 40 Hydrogenated castor oil produced in samin sirjan Co. under cooperative agreement with Dr. Straetmans Co. Germany. Volunteers continue this treatment for one month and return for examination afterwards.

Category

Treatment - Drugs

2

Description

Control group: The second patient with a unique code (2) be given package B (i.e.Eyesol Ophthalmic cleansing shampoo without Tea tree oil plus Betamethasone Eye Drops 0.1% plus Artelac Eye Drops). Patients need to instil a drop of artificial Eye Drops, with trademark of Artelac, every 6 hours a day for one month. It contains 1.6 milligram (0.5 millilitre) of artificial tears mainly hypromellose. In addition participants in the control group should instil a drop of Betamethasone Eye Drops 0.1% in the first week every 6 hours, the second week every 8 hours, the third week every 12 hours and the fourth week every 24 hours a day for one month. Betamethasone Eye Drops 0.1% with trademark of Betasonate is a product of Sina Darou. In addition participants in this group should scrub their eyelids every 8 hours with Eyesol Ophthalmic cleansing shampoo (without Tea tree oil) containing Rewopol,Rewoteric ,HEC,PEG - 40 Hydrogenated castor oil produced in samin sirjan Co. under cooperative agreement with Dr. Straetmans Co. Germany. Volunteers continue this treatment for one months and return for examination afterwards.

Category

Placebo

Recruitment centers

1

Recruitment center

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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, Tehran University of Medical Sciences

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

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Study Protocol

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Statistical Analysis Plan

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