

Clinical Trial Protocol

Iranian Registry of Clinical Trials

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Comparison of epidural injection of different volumes of Bupivacaine 0.5% combined with Methyl prednisolon in the management of low back pain due to disc herniation

Protocol summary

Summary

Aim is to determine the analgesic effectiveness of 10 and 15 ml of Caudal epidural Bupivacaine 0.5% with Methylprednisolone 80 mg injection for discogenic radicular pain control in one level. Method: In a single blinded, single center, randomized control trial with the help of "<http://www.randomization.com/>" website, seventy patients were included in two equal Intervention 1 and 2 groups at Imam Reza educational Hospital. Inclusion criteria: Patients with disc herniation in one level aged 30-70. Exclusion criteria: history of spinal surgery; canal stenosis; opiate abuse; psychotic disorders; history of allergic reactions to drugs and anatomical disorders in vertebral column. In order to define the effective volume and dose of local anesthetic, Intervention 1 group received 80mg Methylprednisolone (Manufactured by Caspian Tamin Darou Iran) in addition to 15ml 0.5%w/v Bupivacaine (75mg) Manufactured by Merck industries in France, from sacral hiatus into Caudal space by 18 Gage Tuohy needle, under fluoroscopy and contrast guidance. Intervention 2 group received 80mg Methylprednisolone in addition to 8ml 0.5%w/v Bupivacaine(40mg) in the same way. After recovery and discharge, Patients' pain score were assessed through the Visual Analogue Scale. Their Range of motion and the need for another block or other modality were recorded. This process would be assessed every month until 6 months and data would be recorded then analyzed and compared.

General information

Acronym

IRCT registration information

IRCT registration number: **IRCT201607111772N19**

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

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Expected recruitment start date

2015-05-22, 1394/03/01

Expected recruitment end date

2016-05-21, 1395/03/01

Actual recruitment start date

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Actual recruitment end date

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Trial completion date

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Scientific title

Comparison of epidural injection of different volumes of Bupivacaine 0.5% combined with Methyl prednisolon in the management of low back pain due to disc herniation

Public title

Effectiveness of different volume of epidural local anesthetic for low back pain control

Purpose
Treatment

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria
Inclusion criteria: Patients with disc herniation in one level; aged 30-70. Exclusion criteria: canal stenosis; opiate abuse; psychotic disorders history of allergic reactions to drugs; anatomical disorders in vertebral column

Age
From **30 years** old to **70 years** old

Gender
Both

Phase
2-3

Groups that have been masked
No information

Sample size
Target sample size: **70**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)
Randomized

Randomization description

Blinding (investigator's opinion)
Single blinded

Blinding description

Placebo
Not used

Assignment
Parallel

Other design features
By help of randomization site:
<http://www.randomization.com/>

Secondary Ids

empty

Ethics committees

1

Ethics committee

Name of ethics committee

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2016-02-04, 1394/11/15

Ethics committee reference number

TBZMED.REC.1394.1010

Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied

Sciatalgia

ICD-10 code

M51.1+

ICD-10 code description

Lumbar and other intervertebral disc disorders with radiculopathy (G55.1*) Sciatica due to intervertebral disc disorder

Primary outcomes

1

Description

Pain

Timepoint

every month until 6th month

Method of measurement

visual analog scale

Secondary outcomes

1

Description

Rang of Motion

Timepoint

every month until 6th month

Method of measurement

leg rise test

Intervention groups

1

Description

Intervention group 1: patients in this group received 80 mg Methylprednisolone (Manufactured by Caspian Tamin Darou Iran) plus 15ml 0.5%w/v Bupivacaine (75mg) Manufactured by Merck industries in France from sacral hiatus into Caudal space under fluoroscopy and contrast guidance by 18 Gage Tohy needle.

Category

Treatment - Drugs

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Description

Intervention group 2: patients in this group received 80mg Methylprednisolone plus 8ml 0.5%w/v Bupivacaine (40mg) from sacral hiatus into Caudal space under fluoroscopy and contrast guidance by 18 Gage Tohy needle.

Category

Treatment - Drugs

Recruitment centers

1

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Grant name

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Grant code / Reference number

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

Yes

Title of funding source

Vice Chancellor for Research, Faculty of Medicine, Tabriz 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**

empty

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Sharing plan

Deidentified Individual Participant Data Set (IPD)

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Study Protocol

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Statistical Analysis Plan

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Informed Consent Form

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Clinical Study Report

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Analytic Code

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Data Dictionary

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