

Clinical Trial Protocol

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Effect of vitamin D and calcium supplementation on serum levels of cortisol and inflammatory biomarkers (IL10, hsCRP) in women with postpartum depression

Protocol summary

Summary

Objectives: The purpose of this study is to evaluate the effect of vitamin D3 and calcium supplementation on levels of sex hormone cortisol and inflammatory biomarkers Interleukin 10, high-sensitivity C-reactive protein (hsCRP), in women with postpartum depression. **Design:** This study is a randomized, double-blind controlled randomized trial with 8 weeks period. **Setting and conduct:** Eighty one patients with postpartum depression and serum vitamin D levels less than normal range, with consecutive sampling method, will be selected from the Health Center number 1, located in the west of the Ahvaz city. Edinburgh questionnaire will be used to evaluate clinical symptoms. In addition, the severity of anxiety will be examined by the Spielberger Questionnaire. Questionnaires at baseline and every 2 weeks for 8 weeks will be completed by the patients. **Major Inclusion criteria:** Score of 12 and above from Edinburgh questionnaire; a period range from 1 month until 6 months after child birth. **Major Exclusion criteria:** Vitamin D and calcium levels to normal or above normal range; chronic diseases. **Intervention:** The subjects will be divided into 3 groups based on randomized block design: group 1 will receive 50000 units vitamin D3, every 14 days and one calcium carbonate tablet (500 milligram, daily), group 2 will receive 50000 units vitamin D3, every 14 days and one calcium placebo (500 milligram, daily), group 3 (control group) will receive vitamin D3 placebo contains edible paraffin, every 14 days and calcium placebo (daily), for 8 week. **Main outcome variables:** Biochemical measurements include serum levels of inflammatory factors (Interleukin 10, hsCRP) and cortisol will be measured using ELISA assay.

General information

Acronym

IRCT registration information

IRCT registration number: **IRCT2016111016123N12**

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

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Trial completion date

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Scientific title

Effect of vitamin D and calcium supplementation on serum levels of cortisol and inflammatory biomarkers (IL10, hsCRP) in women with postpartum depression		2017-07-08, 1396/04/17	
Public title Effect of vitamin D and calcium supplementation on serum levels of hormones affecting postpartum depression		Ethics committee reference number IR.AJUMS.REC.1396.455	
Purpose Treatment		Health conditions studied	
Inclusion/Exclusion criteria Inclusion criteria: Body mass index (BMI) less than 35; age 18 to 45years; earning a score of 12 and above in Edinburgh questionnaire; period range from 1 month until 6 months after child birth. Exclusion criteria: Normal or above normal range for vitamin D levels; chronic diseases such as diabetes; renal failure; gastrointestinal diseases; liver; thyroid; kidney stones; cancer in the past 5 years; birth abnormalities; taking contraceptive drugs; endocrine disorders; severe depression and other mental disorders; using antidepressants.		1 Description of health condition studied F53.0 ICD-10 code F53.0 ICD-10 code description Mild mental and behavioural disorders associated with the puerperium	
Age From 18 years old to 45 years old		Primary outcomes	
Gender Female		1 Description Interleukin 10 Timepoint Before and after of 8 weeks intervention Method of measurement Seum level	
Phase N/A		2 Description Cortisol Timepoint Before and after of 8 weeks intervention Method of measurement Seum level	
Groups that have been masked <i>No information</i>		3 Description hsCRP Timepoint Before and after of 8 weeks intervention Method of measurement Seum level	
Sample size Target sample size: 81		Secondary outcomes	
Randomization (investigator's opinion) Randomized		1 Description Severity of apparent (situational) and hidden (characteristic) anxiety Timepoint Baseline and every 14 days for 8 weeks Method of measurement Spill Burger Questionnaire	
Randomization description		2 Description Blood pressure Timepoint	
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 Ahvaz Jundishapur University of Medical Sciences Street address Ahvaz Jundishapur University of Medical Sciences, Golestan Blvd, Ahvaz, Iran. City Ahvaz Postal code 6135715794 Approval date			

Before the intervention, end of the fourth week and end of the eighth week

Method of measurement

Pressure gauge

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Description

Weight

Timepoint

Before the intervention, end of the fourth week and end of the eighth week

Method of measurement

Scales

4

Description

Serum calcium

Timepoint

Before and after of 8 weeks intervention

Method of measurement

Seum level

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Description

Waist Circumference

Timepoint

Before the intervention, end of the fourth week and end of the eighth week

Method of measurement

Inflexible meter

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Description

Depression severity

Timepoint

Baseline and every 14 days for 8 weeks

Method of measurement

Edinburgh questionnaire

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Description

Estradiol

Timepoint

Before and after of 8 weeks intervention

Method of measurement

Seum level

8

Description

Body Mass Index

Timepoint

Before the intervention, the end of the fourth week and and the end of the eighth week.

Method of measurement

Using the formula

Intervention groups

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Description

50000 IU pearl vitamin D3, every 14 days + 500 milligram calcium carbonate tablet, daily, for 8 weeks

Category

Treatment - Drugs

2

Description

50000 IU pearl vitamin D3, every 14 days + calcium carbonate placebo, daily, for 8 weeks

Category

Treatment - Drugs

3

Description

Pearl paraffin as vitamin D placebo, every 14 days + calcium carbonate placebo, daily, for 8 weeks

Category

Placebo

Recruitment centers

1

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Grant name

Grant code / Reference number

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Yes

Title of funding source

Ahvaz Jundishapur University of Medical Sciences

Proportion provided by this source

100

Public or private sector

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Domestic or foreign origin

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Category of foreign source of funding

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Country of origin

Type of organization providing the funding

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Sharing plan

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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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