

Clinical Trial Protocol

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Investigation of the efficacy of a topical dosage form consisting calendula officinalis L., Matricaria recutita L. and Salvia officinalis L extracts in reducing Fluoropyrimidines induced Hand-Foot Syndrome in cancerous patients

Protocol summary

Summary

The purpose of this study is to introduce a suitable topical product of combination from calendula officinalis, matricaria chamomilla and salvia officinalis to improve Hand-foot syndrome symptoms in cancer patients who are taking Fluoropyrimidine drugs. The study population is cancer patients who are taking IV injection of 5-fluorouracil or oral Capecitabine and showing hand-foot syndrome. These patients are entered in study with consent. Patients in the event of the death or absence of these conditions, as well as allergy to formulation are excluded. The clinical trial of this formulation will be conducted on 20 cancer patients with Hands and foot syndrome of three medical centers in Tehran and Qom, in a double-blind, placebo-controlled and parallel study. Trial group is combination of phase 1 and 2. The sample is consisted of 40 pairs of hands and feet. Patients are randomly divided into two groups, white and orange; white group receive the placebo gel to their hands and the drug gel to their feet; the orange contrary receive the placebo gel to their feet and the drug gel to their hands for two weeks. The beginning and the fourteenth day of study, the severity of lesions are checked, photographed and questionnaire is completed; syndrome is graded according to data by the National Cancer Institute protocols and changes are investigated.

General information

Acronym

IRCT registration information

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Recruitment complete

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Expected recruitment start date

2015-05-22, 1394/03/01

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2015-08-01, 1394/05/10

Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date

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Trial completion date

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Scientific title

Investigation of the efficacy of a topical dosage form consisting calendula officinalis L., Matricaria recutita L. and Salvia officinalis L extracts in reducing Fluoropyrimidines induced Hand-Foot Syndrome in

cancerous patients

Public title

Investigation of the efficacy of a herbal topical gel in reducing the skin reactions in cancer patients taking chemotherapy drugs

Purpose

Supportive

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria: Taking 5-fluorouracil (5-fu) by injection or orally Capecitabine as an anticancer drug; showing hand-foot syndrome; patient satisfaction; Having cancer. Exclusion criteria: Treatment change and discontinuing 5-fluorouracil (5-fu) and oral Capecitabine administration; Showing no hand-foot syndrome; Patient's death; Lack of cancer; Sensitivity to compounds of formula.

Age

No age limit

Gender

Both

Phase

1-2

Groups that have been masked

No information

Sample size

Target sample size: 40

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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2013-10-27, 1392/08/05

Ethics committee reference number

9799

Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied

Hand and Foot Syndrome

ICD-10 code

L27.1

ICD-10 code description

Localized skin eruption due to drugs and medicaments

Primary outcomes

1

Description

severity of HFS symptoms

Timepoint

Beginning of the study , the fourteenth day

Method of measurement

NCI Hand-Foot Syndrome staging version 4.0

Secondary outcomes

1

Description

Skin Sensitivity

Timepoint

From the beginning of the study

Method of measurement

Observational

Intervention groups

1

Description

The topical gel will be administrated to the foot or hand of the patients randomly four times a day for two weeks

Category

Treatment - Drugs

2

Description

The topical placebo will be administrated to the foot or hand of the patients taking the topical drug randomly four times a day for two weeks

Category

Placebo

Recruitment centers

1

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Shahid Beheshti Hospital

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Yes

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Proportion provided by this source

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Study Protocol

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Statistical Analysis Plan

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Informed Consent Form

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