Clinical Trial Protocol
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Evaluation of the Antioxidant Role of Palm Pollen in Oligospermic and Asthenozoospermic Men and Its Correlation with Count, Motility and Morphology of the Sperm

Protocol summary

Study aim
The aim of this study was to investigate: The effect of palm pollen on sexual parameters As well as the expression of antioxidant genes Sex hormones in infertile men

Design
single-blind, and comparative clinical trial

Settings and conduct
This study was conducted during 2015. Palm pollen at a dose of 400 mg / kg in gelatin capsules was used for two consecutive months to treat eligible individuals. The control group was selected. Semen samples were analyzed before and after palm pollen treatment in the case group and also semen samples in the control group according to WHO guidelines.

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria
Infertile men aged 20 to 42 years were included in the study We excluded the case with these criteria from the research: history of genetic and systemic disorders, reproductive tract abnormality, testicular trauma, alcohol and substance abuse, and fertility medications at least for six months before participation.

Intervention groups
In order to intervene in the case group, in addition to receiving standard infertility medication by a specialist physician, they also received 400 mg / kg palm pollen powder in gelatin capsules for two months.

Main outcome variables
Changes in sperm parameters Sex hormones and prolactin free 8-Isoprostane Expression of SOD-CAT-NRF2-GPX4 genes

General information

Reason for update
Increase the sample size

Acronym

IRCT registration information
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Recruitment status
Recruitment complete

Funding source
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Expected recruitment start date
2016-03-21, 1395/01/02

Expected recruitment end date
2017-09-23, 1396/07/01

Actual recruitment start date
2016-03-12, 1394/12/22

Actual recruitment end date
2017-06-11, 1396/03/21

Trial completion date
2017-06-22, 1396/04/01

Scientific title
Evaluation of the Antioxidant Role of Palm Pollen in Oligospermic and Asthenozoospermic Men and Its Correlation with Count, Motility and Morphology of the Sperm

Public title
Antioxidant role of palm pollen in infertility
Purpose
Treatment
Inclusion/Exclusion criteria
Inclusion criteria:
Normal anatomy of the genital area; Infertility due to oligo asthenospermia
Exclusion criteria:
The case with the following criteria were excluded from the study: history of genetic and systemic disorders, reproductive tract abnormality, testicular trauma, alcohol and substance abuse, and fertility medications at least for six months before participation.
Age
From **20 years** old to **42 years** old
Gender
Male

Phase
N/A
Groups that have been masked

- Outcome assessor

Sample size
Target sample size: **120**
Actual sample size reached: **80**
Randomization (investigator's opinion)
Randomized
Randomization description
Simple randomization with sealed envelope
Blinding (investigator's opinion)
Single blinded
Blinding description
This study is a randomized, single-blind and comparative clinical trial including 60 cases of male infertility that was conducted during the year March to June 17, 2016. Palm pollen powder at a rate of 400 mg / kg in gelatin capsules was used for two consecutive months to treat eligible individuals.Have been received. The coding is done by one of the project partners and they are blind evaluators.
Placebo
Not used
Assignment
Other
Other design features
Participants entered the study after signing a personal and written consent form based on inclusion criteria. Their cement sample was measured before and after treatment with palm pollen capsule for two months in the case group and also the sample of the control group was measured according to the WHO 2010 analysis analysis guidelines. Also, the concentration of 8-Isoprostane, antioxidant genes was examined.

Secondary Ids

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Ethics committee reference number
HEC-93-12-4

Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied
Male infertility
ICD-10 code
N46
ICD-10 code description
Azoospermia NOS Oligospermia NOS

Primary outcomes

1

Description
Evaluation of count, motility and morphology of sperm
Timepoint
2 months
Method of measurement
Semen analysis

2

Description
Evaluation of expression of antioxidant SOD, CAT, GPX, NRF2 and KEAP1 genes
Timepoint
2 months
Method of measurement
RT-PCR

Secondary outcomes

1

Description
Semen samples were obtained twice from the case group, before and after treatment, and once from the control group through masturbation, masturbation and abstinence for three to five days. We then collected fresh semen samples in sterile plastic containers.
Timepoint
2 months after consumption of palm pollen
Method of measurement
The samples were exposed to 37 ° C for 30 minutes for liquefaction and semen analysis (fluid volume, pH, viscosity, sperm morphology, concentration and motility) was performed immediately according to the WHO guideline. Sex hormones were also examined using ELISA. In addition, in this clinical trial, a blind and comparative semen analysis was performed by a technician blindly.

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Description
Measurement of antioxidant genes and 8- isoprene index
Timepoint
After two months, receive palm pollen
Method of measurement
BSA-free Ham’s-F10 was used twice to wash the samples and then stored in RNALater solution (Qiagen: Germany) at -80 ° C until RNA extraction. Then, after extraction and PCR test, real-time test was performed on the samples.

Intervention groups

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Description
In addition to standard treatment by a urologist, the case group received 400 mg / kg of palm pollen powder in gelatin capsules for two months.
Category
Treatment - Drugs

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Grant code / Reference number
Is the source of funding the same sponsor organization/entity?
Yes
Title of funding source
Bandare-abbas University of Medical Sciences
Proportion provided by this source
100
Public or private sector
Public
Domestic or foreign origin
Domestic
Category of foreign source of funding
empty
Country of origin
Type of organization providing the funding
Academic

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Sharing plan

Deidentified Individual Participant Data Set (IPD)
Yes - There is a plan to make this available
Study Protocol
No - There is not a plan to make this available
Statistical Analysis Plan
No - There is not a plan to make this available
Informed Consent Form
No - There is not a plan to make this available
Clinical Study Report
Yes - There is a plan to make this available
Analytic Code
No - There is not a plan to make this available
Data Dictionary
No - There is not a plan to make this available
Title and more details about the data/document
Abstract and original article after publication
When the data will become available and for how long
two months
To whom data/document is available
researchers
Under which criteria data/document could be used
To conduct scientific research
From where data/document is obtainable
To the clinical trial site
What processes are involved for a request to access data/document
Email - Call - SMS
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