

Clinical Trial Protocol

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Investigation Effect of melatonin, vitamin E administration on EEG and sleep quality in shift worker Nurses

Protocol summary

Summary

The research aimed to investigate the effect of melatonin and vitamin E on working shift nurses' sleep in ValiAsr Hospital located in Arak. Hence, the study employed a randomized, single-blind, clinical trial study. Moreover, the investigative group was blind to the type of therapy. The research plan was to select 90 nurses aged 20 to 45. The inclusion criteria were to have at least one year of work experience, six night shifts per month, no second job, and no history of sleep problems. The participants' exclusion criteria included drug intolerance, no use of drugs within two months of and diagnosis of systemic diseases. Participants were divided into one control group and three groups that underwent three types of intervention (melatonin group, vitamin E group, and melatonin/ vitamin E group). Melatonin was used at a dose of mg / day 3 and vitamin E at a dose of UI / day 200 for two months. Furthermore, participants completed Pittsburgh sleep quality questionnaire both in the beginning and two months after the initiation of treatment. Finally, findings were compared for each group both prior to and subsequent to the intervention. The main outcome variables included sleep quality and EEG features.

General information

Acronym

EEG

IRCT registration information

IRCT registration number: **IRCT2015040621626N1**

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Last update:

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

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Expected recruitment start date

2015-04-21, 1394/02/01

Expected recruitment end date

2015-08-23, 1394/06/01

Actual recruitment start date

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Actual recruitment end date

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Trial completion date

empty

Scientific title

Investigation Effect of melatonin, vitamin E
administration on EEG and sleep quality in shift worker
Nurses

Public title

Effect of melatonin and vitamin E on working shift
nurses' sleep in ValiAsr Hospital located in Arak

Purpose

Treatment

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria: to have at least one year of work
experience! six night shifts per month! no second job! no

history of sleep problems: no special underlying disease such as gland diseases and thyroid: no use of certain medications such as benzodiazepines and anticonvulsants, maximum age of 40 years. Exclusion criteria: Intolerance of melatonin or vitamin E: recent history of melatonin or vitamin E for any other reason: a history of intolerance of melatonin or Vitamin E's oral use: diagnosis of chronic systemic diseases (other than diabetes and hypertension): and autoimmune disorders: infections: lack of regular drug use within two months of prescribed drugs: lack of consent to participate in the study: the nurses participated in the study who can't be reachable for the intervention or follow-up were excluded.

Age

From **22 years** old to **40 years** old

Gender

Female

Phase

2-3

Groups that have been masked

No information

Sample size

Target sample size: **90**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)

Randomized

Randomization description

Blinding (investigator's opinion)

Single blinded

Blinding description

Placebo

Not used

Assignment

Parallel

Other design features

Secondary Ids

empty

Ethics committees

1

Ethics committee

Name of ethics committee

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2015-02-23, 1393/12/04

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93-175-14

Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied

Sleep disorders

ICD-10 code

G47

ICD-10 code description

Sleep disorders

Primary outcomes

1

Description

Sleep quality

Timepoint

Before intervention and 2 month after start of intervention

Method of measurement

TPR and weight.PSQI

2

Description

EEG waves

Timepoint

Before intervention and 2 month after start of intervention

Method of measurement

Electroencephalogram

Secondary outcomes

empty

Intervention groups

1

Description

Intervention of the first group: receiving a tablet of melatonin 3 mg orally every night for two months, except for working night shifts

Category

Treatment - Drugs

2

Description

Intervention of the second group: receiving a tablet of vitamin E/ 200 Units, orally every day for two months

Category

Treatment - Drugs

3

Description

Intervention of the third group: receiving a tablet of melatonin 3 mg orally every night for two months, except for working night shifts and a tablet of vitamin E/ 200 Units, orally every day for two months

Category

Treatment - Drugs

4

Description

Control group: No intervention and measuring outcome variables

Category

N/A

Recruitment centers

1

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Name of recruitment center

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

Yes

Title of funding source

Research and Technology Vice Chancellor, Arak 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

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Country of origin

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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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