

Clinical Trial Protocol

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Assessment of the effects of oral whey protein (an Iranian Traditional Medicine product) on improvement of mild to moderate skin lesion of psoriasis in comparison with placebo

Protocol summary

Summary

The aim of this study is to evaluate the effect of whey protein on improvement of mild to moderate skin lesions on psoriasis sufferers. This study is a randomized / phase 2/ triple-blind clinical trial. The important criteria: The patients having under 10 percent of skin lesion: The patients suffering from stable plaque psoriasis. The criteria that impede patients from entering the study: allergy to lactose: The patients suffering from uncontrolled cardiovascular and urinary and hematological and respiratory diseases: those have had known cancer and cancer history in the last 5 years: those suffering from metabolic disease: those have metabolic diseases and water and electrical imbalance and infection: past history of suffering from kidney stone disease: age under 18 and above 70 years old. The studied population: patients above 18 years old suffering from mild to moderate psoriasis that have the criteria for entering the study and who have tendency to participate in the study. In this study 90 patients will enter in two intervention and control groups. The intervention group will receive whey protein with emollient ointment (20% glycerin) that (the patient was taking before the study) and the control group will receive placebo (lactose) and emollient ointment. Both groups will be synchronized on demographic data and topical ointment. The intervention group dissolve 10 grams of whey protein in a cup of warm water and when fasting in the morning they drink one third of cup every 15 minutes. The control group will receive placebo in the same way. Duration of consumption is 12 weeks. The primary outcomes of the study are: disease severity, extent of lesion, quality of life and severity of itching.

General information

Acronym

IRCT registration information

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

Tehran University of Medical Sciences

Expected recruitment start date

2015-11-06, 1394/08/15

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Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date

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Trial completion date

empty

Scientific title

Assessment of the effects of oral whey protein (an Iranian Traditional Medicine product) on improvement of mild to moderate skin lesion of psoriasis in comparison with placebo

Public title

Assessment of the effects of whey protein on psoriasis

Purpose

Treatment

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria: patients above 18 years old ;skin involvement under 10 percent ;stable plaque psoriasis (which have been stable in extent and severity for at least 2 months) ; patients who haven't been using psoralen for the past 28 days and UVB for the past 30 days ; patients who haven't participated in any studies in the last month;patients who consent on participating in the study. The criteria that impede patients from entering the study : age under 18 and above 70 years old ;Patients suffering from other kinds of psoriasis like pustular, erythrodermic, or palmoplantar or psoriatic arthritis or patient having their face involved;skin involvement more than 10 percent ; past history of allergy to lactose ;patients suffering from the kidney stone disease; patients who use drugs that intensify psoriasis e.g.Beta blockers .NSAIDs.Antimalarials .Terbinafine.Ca channel blockers.Interleukins and Lithium ;Oral corticosteroids or immunosuppressants consumption during the 4 weeks prior to baseline ;pregnancy and lactation ;The patients suffering from uncontrolled cardiovascular and respiratory and hematological and urinary diseases ;those who have known cancer and cancer history in the last 5 years, those have metabolic diseases and water and electrical imbalance and infection; any record of allergy ; acute sensitivity and progressive form of disease and tendency to erythrodermy ;patients who must use systemic psoriasis drugs; patients are dissatisfaction with participating in the study . The criteria that lead to the exclusion of the patients who were participating in the study : skin events after taking the drug during the study ; infection on the lesion during the study ; patients getting pregnant during the study ; patient suffering from the kidney stone disease during the study.

Age

From **18 years** old to **70 years** old

Gender

Both

Phase

2

Groups that have been masked

No information

Sample size

Target sample size: **90**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)

Randomized

Randomization description**Blinding (investigator's opinion)**

Triple 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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2015-09-29, 1394/07/07

Ethics committee reference number

IR.TUMS.REC.1394.859

Health conditions studied**1****Description of health condition studied**

Psoriasis

ICD-10 code

L40.0

ICD-10 code description

Plaque psoriasis

Primary outcomes**1****Description**

Severity

Timepoint

At baseline -end of 8 and 12 weeks

Method of measurement

psoriasis activity and severity index

2**Description**

Extent of the lesion

Timepoint

At baseline -end of 8 and 12 weeks

Method of measurement

BODY SURFACE AREA

3**Description**

quality of life

Timepoint

At baseline -end of 12 weeks

Method of measurement

persian valid version of Dermatology of life and quality index

4

Description

Intensity of pruritis

Timepoint

At baseline -end of 8 and 12 weeks

Method of measurement

VISUAL analog Scale

Secondary outcomes

1

Description

Evaluation of Possible gastrointestinal and skin complications

Timepoint

End of 8 and 12 weeks

Method of measurement

CTCAE) common terminology for Adverse Event v40.2009)

2

Description

The photography of lesion

Timepoint

At baseline-end of 8 and 12 weeks

Method of measurement

The camera with 10 mega pixel sensor accuracy specifications .Canon EOS 400D Lens EFS18-55mm

Intervention groups

1

Description

The control group dissolve 10 gram of placebo(200 g=lactose and 100 g sugar)in a cup of warm water and when fasting they drink one third of cup every 15 minute.Meanwhile they will continue emollient ointment that have used before study .

Category

Placebo

2

Description

The intervention group dissolve 10 gram of whey protein in a cup of warm water and when fasting they drink one third of cup every 15 minute .Meanwhile they will continue emollient ointment that have used before study

Category

Treatment - Drugs

Recruitment centers

1

Recruitment center

Name of recruitment center

Skin Clinic of Imam Khomeini

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Sponsors / Funding sources

1

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Grant name

Grant code / Reference number

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

Yes

Title of funding source

Tehran University of Medical Science

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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