

Clinical Trial Protocol

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The effect of fennel (*Foeniculum Vulgar*) oral capsules on quality of life and sexual function in postmenopausal women: Triple blind randomized clinical trial

Protocol summary

Summary

The triple-blind randomized controlled clinical trial will be conducted to assess the effect of fennel(*Foeniculum Vulgar*) on quality of life and sexual function in postmenopause women. Inclusion criteria: women aged between 45-60 years; married women; women in the first 1-5 years of their post menopausal period; women with at least a sexual relationship per month; Negative history of physical and psychological diseases; Negative history of breast cancer; Negative history of hormone therapy and complementary medicine for menopausal symptoms; Negative history of Allergy to herbal medicine; Negative history of sedative and anti depressant drugs usage; Negative history of addiction and smoking; women with at least the ability to read and write. exclusion criteria: allergy to *foeniculum vulgare* during the intervention; worsening the disease during the intervention; poor cooperation during the intervention; stop using *foeniculum vulgare*/placebo for at least 6 days; using of other remedies for menopausal symptoms during the study; women without at least a sexual relationship per month during the study. Following approval of proposed study design, the study sample of 90 women, attending clinics affiliated to Tehran University of Medical Sciences, will be assigned randomly into two groups (intervention / control group) and they will receive two capsules of fennel (100mg fennel soft capsules) or placebo (100mg sunflower oil soft capsules) daily for 8 weeks. The primary outcomes (quality of life and sexual function in postmenopausal women) will be assessed by sabbatsberg questionnaire (for sexual function in postmenopausal women) and Menopause quality of life questionnaire (MENQOL) before intervention and at 4th and 8th week of the intervention.

General information

Acronym

IRCT registration information

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

Vice chancellor for research, Tehran University of Medical Sciences

Expected recruitment start date

2016-04-20, 1395/02/01

Expected recruitment end date

2016-09-20, 1395/06/30

Actual recruitment start date

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Actual recruitment end date

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Trial completion date
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Scientific title
The effect of fennel (Foeniculum Vulgar) oral capsules on quality of life and sexual function in postmenopausal women: Triple blind randomized clinical trial

Public title
The effect of fennel (Foeniculum Vulgar) oral capsules on quality of life and sexual function in postmenopausal women: Triple blind randomized clinical trial

Purpose
Treatment

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria
Inclusion criteria: women aged between 45-60 years; married women; women in the first 1-5 years of their post menopausal period; women with at least a sexual relationship per month; Negative history of physical and psychological diseases; Negative history of breast cancer; Negative history of hormone therapy and complementary medicine for menopausal symptoms; Negative history of Allergy to herbal medicine; Negative history of sedative and anti depressant drugs usage; Negative history of addiction and smoking; women with at least the ability to read and write. exclusion criteria: allergy to foeniculum vulgare during the intervention; worsening the disease during the intervention; poor cooperation during the intervention; stop using foeniculum vulgare/placebo for at least 6 days; using of other remedies for menopausal symptoms during the study; women without at least a sexual relationship per month during the intervention.

Age
From **45 years** old to **60 years** old

Gender
Female

Phase
N/A

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
In this study, participants will be assigned to test and control groups using Random Number Table.

Secondary Ids

empty

Ethics committees

1

Ethics committee

Name of ethics committee

Ethics committee name 1 Ethics committee of Tehran University of Medical Sciences

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2016-08-15, 1395/05/25

Ethics committee reference number

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Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied

quality of life in postmenopausal women

ICD-10 code

N95.1

ICD-10 code description

Menopausal and female climacteric states

2

Description of health condition studied

sexual function in postmenopausal women

ICD-10 code

F52.9

ICD-10 code description

Unspecified sexual dysfunction, not caused by organic disorder or disease

Primary outcomes

1

Description

sexual function in postmenopause women

Timepoint

before intervention and at 4th and 8th week of the intervention.

Method of measurement

sabbatsberg questionnaire (for sexual function in postmenopausal women)

2

Description

quality of life in postmenopause women

Timepoint

before intervention and at 4th and 8th week of the intervention

Method of measurement

Menopause quality of life questionnaire (MENQOL)

Secondary outcomes

empty

Intervention groups

1

Description

Intervention group : 100mg fennel oral capsules, twice a day for 8 week.

Category

Treatment - Drugs

2

Description

Control group: 100mg sunflower oil oral capsule, twice a day for 8 week.

Category

Treatment - Drugs

Recruitment centers

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

Vice chancellor for research, Tehran 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

empty

Country of origin

Type of organization providing the funding

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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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