

Clinical Trial Protocol

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The comparison effect of *Achillea millefolium* products on traditional medicine base, with clotrimazole cream 1% on vaginal candidiasis.

Protocol summary

Study aim

This study is a clinical trial to investigate the effect of *Achillea millefolium* based on Traditional Medicine on vaginal candidiasis.

Design

In this research, 70 eligible patients referring to the Fatima Al-zahra Infertility Center of Babol University of Medical Sciences were chosen purposefully and a code was allocated to each one of them. Then, patients were randomly divided into two control and intervention groups.

Settings and conduct

This study will be conducted in two groups in parallel for one month. The number of participants in each group is 35. With the approval of a Gynecologist, patients who have the inclusion criteria will be included in this study with simple consecutive sampling and the participants give their full consent. This triple blind study will be limited to the Fatima Al-zahra Infertility Center that way tubes and creams are quite similar in two groups and investigator, volunteers, and data analyser are unaware of allocation.

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

The main inclusion criteria are sign and symptoms of vulvovaginal candidiasis; positive smear and culture from vaginal discharges; non-complicated vaginal candidiasis on diagnosis of Gynecologist. The main exclusion criteria is side effects or drug reactions.

Intervention groups

Patients are included in the two groups after confirmation of *Candida* infection by smear. One group gives aqueous extract of *Achillea millefolium* and the other group gives clotrimazole cream 1%. Both groups are in form of vaginal cream, an applicator nightly for one week.

Main outcome variables

People in the study before and 7-10 days after the beginning of interventions and 2-3 weeks after the end of interventions will be investigated by self-report, physical

examination, PH, smear and culture from vaginal discharges and probable side effects of the drug and the effect of medication on the mentioned parameters.

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

IRCT registration information

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

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Scientific title
The comparison effect of Achillea millefolium products on traditional medicine base, with clotrimazole cream 1% on vaginal candidiasis.

Public title
The effect of yarrow vaginal cream on treatment of candida vaginitis

Purpose
Treatment

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria:

married women, 18 to 45 years old
The presence of sign and symptoms of candida vulvovaginitis
Positive smear from vaginal discharge for candida
Positive culture of vaginal discharge for candida

Exclusion criteria:

History of allergy to clotrimazole vaginal cream
History of drug allergy
Pregnancy
Menstruation period
Breastfeeding
Menopause
The presence of chronic underlying diseases: kidney, liver and Heart diseases, Diabetes and Immune deficiency
Score 24-30 based on DLQI questionnaire
Vulvar erythem score 3
Use of systemic antibiotics, immunosuppressive drugs or other vaginal creams and antifungal drugs during the past 4 weeks
Patient's unsatisfactory to participate in the study

Age

From **18 years** old to **45 years** old

Gender

Female

Phase

2-3

Groups that have been masked

- Participant
- Investigator
- Data analyster

Sample size

Target sample size: **70**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)

Randomized

Randomization description

The method of randomization in this study is quadruple blocking method and the randomization unit is individual and tool is statistical software. The sequencing will be done by quadruple blocking. Concealing done by using similar form and size tubes for both groups, and neither the interventions nor the volunteers nor the data analyzer knows how to allocate the intervention.

Blinding (investigator's opinion)

Triple blinded

Blinding description

In this study, patients are completely unaware of which drugs they received. Also, the investigator and data analyzer are completely unaware that the two groups received which drug.

Placebo
Used
Assignment
Parallel
Other design features

Secondary Ids

empty

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1

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2017-08-27, 1396/06/05

Ethics committee reference number

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Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied

Candida vulvovaginitis

ICD-10 code

B37.3

ICD-10 code description

Candidiasis of vulva and vagina

Primary outcomes

1

Description

Burning

Timepoint

At first, 7-10 days after the beginning of interventon and 2-3 weeks after the end of intervention

Method of measurement

Evauation of clinical symptom's remission (burning) with Dermatology Quality of Life Index (DLQI) questionnaire

2

Description

Pruritus

Timepoint

At first, 7-10 days after the begining of interventon and

2-3 weeks after the end of intervention

Method of measurement

Evaluation of clinical symptom's remission (pruritus) with Dermatology Quality of Life Index (DLQI) questionnaire

3

Description

Dysparonia

Timepoint

At first, 7-10days after the beginning of intervention and 2-3 weeks at the end of intervention

Method of measurement

Evaluation the rate of satisfactory from intercourse with Dermatology Quality of Life Index (DLQI) questionnaire

4

Description

Vulvar erythema

Timepoint

At first, 7-10days after the beginning of intervention and 2-3 weeks at the end of intervention

Method of measurement

Vulvar examination and scoring the erythema of vulva by Gynecologist

Secondary outcomes

1

Description

Result of culture

Timepoint

At first, 7-10 days after the beginning of intervention and 2-3 weeks after the end of intervention

Method of measurement

Sampling from vaginal discharges

Intervention groups

1

Description

Intervention group: Vaginal cream 2% of aqueous extract of Achillea millefolium, one applicator at night for 7 nights. Made in Pharmacy Department of Traditional Medicine, College of Traditional Medicine, Babol University of Medical Science

Category

Treatment - Drugs

2

Description

Control group: Vaginal cream of clotrimazol 1% made by the PARS DAROU pharmaceutical company; Tehran, IRAN. One applicator at night for 7 nights.

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 Babol 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**

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Undecided - It is not yet known if there will be a plan to make this available

Study Protocol

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Statistical Analysis Plan

Undecided - It is not yet known if there will be a plan to make this available

Informed Consent Form

Undecided - It is not yet known if there will be a plan to make this available

Clinical Study Report

Undecided - It is not yet known if there will be a plan to make this available

Analytic Code

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Data Dictionary

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