

Clinical Trial Protocol

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A study to compare the relative bioavailability of Raha and Merck formulations of metformin 1000 mg tablets in 24 healthy adult male volunteers under fasting conditions

Protocol summary

Study aim

The study aims to compare the bioequivalence study of metformin hydrochloride 1000 mg tablets under fasting conditions

Design

This randomized, single-dose, two-way, crossover study is conducted to compare the relative bioavailability of two formulations of metformin hydrochloride tablets under fasting conditions in 24 healthy adults male volunteers.

Settings and conduct

The dose administration and subsequent sample collection will be performed in Payambar-Azam hospital (Gonbade Kavous, Iran)

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria: 1. Males, 18-50 years of age (inclusive). 2. The subject is able and willing to provide written informed consent. 3. The subject is available for the entire study period and is willing to adhere to protocol requirements as evidenced by written informed consent. 4. The subject has stable residence and telephone. 5. Good health as determined by lack of clinically significant abnormalities in health assessments performed at screening. Exclusion criteria: 1. History of allergy or history of any drug hypersensitivity or intolerance which, in the opinion of the investigator, would compromise the safety of the subject or the study. 2. Significant history or current evidence of chronic infectious disease, system disorder or organ dysfunction. 3. Presence of gastrointestinal disease or history of malabsorption within the last year. 4. Presence of a medical condition requiring regular treatment with prescription drugs. 5. Use of pharmacologic agents known to significantly induce or inhibit drug-metabolizing enzymes within 30 days prior to dosing.

Intervention groups

Single dose of metformin 1000 mg tablets manufactured

by Raha and Merck companies

Main outcome variables

Drug plasma concentration; Area under the plasma concentration-time curve

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

IRCT registration information

IRCT registration number: **IRCT20130626013776N6**

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Registration date

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

Expected recruitment start date

2017-10-23, 1396/08/01

Expected recruitment end date

2018-01-21, 1396/11/01

Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date

empty

Trial completion date

empty

Scientific title

A study to compare the relative bioavailability of Raha and Merck formulations of metformin 1000 mg tablets in 24 healthy adult male volunteers under fasting conditions

Public title

Bioequivalence study of metformin hydrochloride 1000 mg tablets under fasting conditions

Purpose

Health service research

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Age

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

Gender

Male

Phase

Bioequivalence

Groups that have been masked

No information

Sample size

Target sample size: **24**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)

Randomized

Randomization description

Table of random numbers was used.

Blinding (investigator's opinion)

Not blinded

Blinding description**Placebo**

Not used

Assignment

Crossover

Other design features**Secondary Ids**

empty

Ethics committees**1****Ethics committee****Name of ethics committee**

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2017-12-25, 1396/10/04

Ethics committee reference number

IR.GOUMS.REC.1396.232

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

Healthy volunteers

ICD-10 code

ICD-10 code description

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

Drug plasma concentration

Timepoint

Before intervention and 0.5, 1, 1.5, 2, 2.5, 3, 3.5, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 24 h after intervention

Method of measurement

Blood sampling and measurement of drug concentrations by HPLC

2**Description**

Area under plasma concentration-time curve

Timepoint

0.5, 1, 1.5, 2, 2.5, 3, 3.5, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 24 h after

intervention

Method of measurement

Blood sampling and measurement of drug concentrations by HPLC

Secondary outcomes

1

Description

Time to reach Cmax

Timepoint

During 4 hours after drug administration

Method of measurement

Blood sampling and drug analysis by HPLC

Intervention groups

1

Description

Intervention group: Single dose of Rahamet (metformin 1000 mg) tablet manufactured by Raha Pharmaceuticals

Category

Treatment - Drugs

2

Description

Intervention group: Single dose of Glucophage (metformin 1000 mg) tablet manufactured by Merck Pharmaceuticals

Category

Treatment - Drugs

Recruitment centers

1

Recruitment center

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Payambar Azam Hospital

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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

Raha Pharmaceuticals

Proportion provided by this source

100

Public or private sector

Private

Domestic or foreign origin

Domestic

Category of foreign source of funding

empty

Country of origin

Type of organization providing the funding

Industry

2

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Title of funding source
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1
Public or private sector
Public
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Domestic
Category of foreign source of funding
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Type of organization providing the funding
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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

No - There is not 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

The plasma concentration-time profiles of volunteers and other pharmacokinetic data from brand product could be provided.

When the data will become available and for how long

Within 3 months after termination of the study

To whom data/document is available

All academic members could apply for the data.

Under which criteria data/document could be used

These data belong to the principal investigator and could be used only after getting a formal permission from him.

From where data/document is obtainable

Please send your requests by E-mail

What processes are involved for a request to access data/document

The applicant should have scientific eligibility

Comments