

Clinical Trial Protocol

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Investigating the efficacy of mixed training regimen of verbal working memory and visuo-motor activity on verbal working memory, postural control and reading skills in persian dyslexic children, aged 6 to 12 years

Protocol summary

Study aim

Investigating the efficacy of mixed training regimen of verbal working memory and visuo-motor activity on verbal working memory, postural control and reading skills in persian dyslexic children, aged 6 to 12 years.

Design

A Comparative double-blind clinical trial (phase-II) with experiment and control groups. also, the assessments will be done before and after treatment Pre-test→ Treatment: 4w,3d/w,30-45 min/d→ Post-test

Settings and conduct

This is the first study applying the mixed training regimen of VWM and visuo-motor activity in dyslexic children, aged 6 to 12 years old. Participants will be recruited from governmental primary schools and rehabilitation centers. They will be divided into two groups as intervention and control. participants and data analyzer will be blinded as double-blinded study. After pre-treatment assessment and treatment (4 w, 3 d/w, 30-45 min/d) we will do the post-treatment assessments.

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Dyslexic children; 6-12 years old; Native farsi language-unilingual; Multi-centers in Tehran city; Moderate socioeconomic level; Right-handed; Normal or corrected visual ability; Normal hearing ability; No history of head injuries and symptoms of brain damage; No history of psychiatric disorders; Full- IQ scores above 85; Without ADHD; Do not use drugs that may affect attention

Intervention groups

Subjects in experiment group will receive the mixed training regimen of verbal working memory and visuo-motor activity. also, subjects in control groups will receive the training regimen of verbal working memory.

Main outcome variables

The function of VWM; the function of postural control; the function of word reading; the function of wordchain; the function of rhyming; the function of text comprehension;

the function of phoneme deletion; the function of non-word reading; the function of semantic categories; the full IQ score; ADHD; age; study groups

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

IRCT registration information

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

Expected recruitment start date

2018-02-20, 1396/12/01

Expected recruitment end date

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Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date

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Trial completion date

empty

Scientific title

Investigating the efficacy of mixed training regimen of verbal working memory and visuo-motor activity on verbal working memory, postural control and reading skills in persian dyslexic children, aged 6 to 12 years

Public title

Investigating the efficacy of mixed training regimen of verbal working memory in dyslexic children

Purpose

Treatment

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria**Inclusion criteria:**

Diagnosing dyslexia by WISC IV Aged 6-12 y Students of Schools in Tehran and the moderate socioeconomic status Right-handed Normal or corrected to normal visual acuity Normal hearing status No history of head injury No history of psychiatric disorders Full IQ score greater than 85 Without co morbidity with ADHD Persian monolingual Do not using of druges affect on attention

Exclusion criteria:

Not attending in pretest assessment and training sessions Participation in training sessions Less than 75% of all sessions/ less than 9 sessions out of 12 sessions Not attending in post-test assessment sessions

AgeFrom **6 years** old to **12 years** old**Gender**

Both

Phase

N/A

Groups that have been masked

- Participant
- Data analyser

Sample sizeTarget sample size: **40****Randomization (investigator's opinion)**

Randomized

Randomization description

After selecting the available samples based on the inclusion criteria, Individuals are randomly (coin throwing method) divided into two groups, experiment (EG) and active control (CG). Head of the coin, EG (10-20). Tail of the coin, CG (10-20).

Blinding (investigator's opinion)

Double blinded

Blinding description

In this double-blinded study, blinding will be applied to all participants and outcome assessment. Blinding of participants is possible. They will not know in which group they have been placed. Although, parent will know in which group their child has been placed. After finishing the treatment period, the data will be analyzed by a blinded statistician who will receive coded data. He/she will not know who is participating in which group.

Placebo

Not used

Assignment

Parallel

Other design features

Training regimen will be done by self-manufactured trainer robot for 4 weeks, 3 times a week, 30 to 45 minutes in every sessions.

Secondary Ids

empty

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

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2017-12-08, 1396/09/17

Ethics committee reference number

IR.IUMS.REC 1396.31977

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

Developmental dyslexia or specific reading disorder

ICD-10 code

F81.0

ICD-10 code description

Specific reading disorder

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

Verbal working memory

Timepoint

Before and after treatment, 4-5 weeks.

Method of measurement

Forward and backward digit span

Secondary outcomes**1****Description**

Postural control

Timepoint

Before and after treatment-4 to 5 weeks

Method of measurement

Cop data of force platform tool

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Description

Reading Skills

Timepoint

Before and after treatment-4 to 5 weeks

Method of measurement

Scores of reading skills native battery sub tests

3

Description

Changes in functional connectivity of VI and Crus I lobules of the cerebellum

Timepoint

Before and after treatment-4 to 5 weeks

Method of measurement

Resting-state fMRI

Intervention groups

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Description

Intervention group: participants in this group will receive the mixed training regimen of verbal working memory and visual-motor activity: presenting the word; decomposition of the word to it's letters/ moving of the platform; repetition of the previous step by Active movements of the child; retrieving the letters of the word.

Category

Treatment - Devices

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Description

Control group: participants in this group will receive the training of verbal working memory: presenting the word; decomposition of the word to it's letters; retrieving the letters of the word.

Category

Treatment - Devices

Recruitment centers

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Name of recruitment center

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Grant name

no

Grant code / Reference number

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

Yes

Title of funding source

Iran 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

Academic

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Sharing plan

Deidentified Individual Participant Data Set (IPD)

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

Study Protocol

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

Statistical Analysis Plan

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

Informed Consent Form

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

Clinical Study Report

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

Analytic Code

Not applicable

Data Dictionary

Not applicable

Title and more details about the data/document
age score of full IQ sex scores of verbal working memory
scores of postural control parameters changes of
functional connectivity scores of reading subtests

When the data will become available and for how long
6 month after publication of papers

To whom data/document is available
active researchers

Under which criteria data/document could be used
scientific using

From where data/document is obtainable
electronic post address

What processes are involved for a request to access data/document
until one month after request

Comments
no