

# Clinical Trial Protocol

## Iranian Registry of Clinical Trials

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### Evaluating the effect of oral nano formulation of silymarin in non metastatic prostate cancer patients after radical prostatectomy

#### Protocol summary

##### Study aim

Evaluating the efficacy of oral nano formulation of silymarin in patient with non metastatic prostate cancer after radical prostatectomy

##### Design

randomized double blinded placebo controlled clinical trial

##### Settings and conduct

This study will performed in oncology and radiotherapy ward of Imam Reza hospital, affiliated to Mashhad University of Medical Sciences, Mashhad, Iran. Patients, clinical oncologist, pharmacy student, and clinical pharmacy will be blind in this study about medicine or placebo allocation.

##### Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria: Intermediate\_risk cancer with Gleason score<8 ; Life expectancy more than 10 years. Exclusion criteria: Patient with history of chemotherapy, radiotherapy or hormone therapy ; patients with chronic liver, kidney or heart disease ; patient with diabetes mellitus ; patient with autoimmune disease ; hypersensitivity to silymarin ; using anti inflammatory drugs or other antioxidant ; patient disagreement

##### Intervention groups

Intervention group: prescribing of Silymarin oral solution (140mg silymarin/cc) four times a day and each time 1cc after meal to patient with non metastatic prostate cancer after radical prostatectomy and Placebo group: prescribing of 1 cc placebo solution with same appearance only without effective ingredient after meal, four times a day to patient with non metastatic prostate cancer after radical prostatectomy

##### Main outcome variables

Basic Prostate specific antigen plasma level ; testosterone and Sex hormone binding globulin plasma level ; Insulin like growth factor\_1 plasma level; quality of life ; hepatic transaminases ; serum creatinine ; blood urea nitrogen; side effects especially digestive complications

#### General information

##### Reason for update

##### Acronym

##### IRCT registration information

IRCT registration number: **IRCT20180517039694N1**

Registration date: **2018-06-13, 1397/03/23**

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Last update: **2018-06-13, 1397/03/23**

Update count: **0**

##### Registration date

2018-06-13, 1397/03/23

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**Recruitment complete**

##### Funding source

##### Expected recruitment start date

2018-07-23, 1397/05/01

##### Expected recruitment end date

2020-09-22, 1399/07/01

##### Actual recruitment start date

empty

##### Actual recruitment end date

empty

##### Trial completion date

empty

##### Scientific title

Evaluating the effect of oral nano formulation of silymarin in non metastatic prostate cancer patients after radical prostatectomy

**Public title**

Efficacy of oral silymarin formulation on prostate cancer

**Purpose**

Treatment

**Inclusion/Exclusion criteria****Inclusion criteria:**

Intermediate\_risk prostate cancer with gleason score<8  
Life expectancy more than 10 years

**Exclusion criteria:**

Patient with history of chemotherapy,radiotherapy or hormone therapy Patient with chronic liver or kidney or heart disease Patient with diabetes mellitus Patient with autoimmune disease History of hypersensitivity to silymarin concomitant use of anti inflammatory drugs or other antioxidant Patient disagreement

**Age**

From **50 years** old to **75 years** old

**Gender**

Male

**Phase**

3

**Groups that have been masked**

- Participant
- Care provider
- Investigator
- Outcome assessor
- Data analyser

**Sample size**

Target sample size: **100**

**Randomization (investigator's opinion)**

Randomized

**Randomization description**

simple randomization based on prepared list by randomization.com site. Then, block randomization of four patients was used to ensure balanced allocation of eligible patients in the control and intervention arms.

**Blinding (investigator's opinion)**

Triple blinded

**Blinding description**

Silymarin and placebo nano formulations will fill by producer company and deliver to the oncologist. Patients who fulfilled the inclusion criteria will be selected by oncologist. He will assign them to silymarin or placebo group and give them bottles marked A or B, based on allocation sequence. Evaluation of patients during the chemotherapy course will be performed by the clinical oncologist and pharmacy student. Data collection and analysis will be carried out by the pharmacy student and the clinical pharmacist, respectively. All of them will not aware of the group allocation of the patients

**Placebo**

Used

**Assignment**

Parallel

**Other design features****Secondary Ids**

empty

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

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2018-03-17, 1396/12/26

**Ethics committee reference number**

IR.MUMS.REC.1396.412

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

Non metastatic prostate cancer

**ICD-10 code**

D29.1

**ICD-10 code description**

Benign neoplasm of prostate

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

Basic Prostate specific antigen serum level

**Timepoint**

at the beginning of the study, 2 weeks after the beginning of study, one month after the beginning of the study , 6 weeks after the beginning of study and at the end of the study

**Method of measurement**

Serum level measurement by laboratory test

**2****Description**

testosterone serum level

**Timepoint**

At the beginning and end of the study

**Method of measurement**

Serum level measurement by laboratory test

**3****Description**

Sex hormone binding globulin serum level

**Timepoint**

At the beginning and the end of the study

**Method of measurement**

Serum level measurement by laboratory test

**4**

**Description**

Insulin-like growth factor-1 serum level

**Timepoint**

At the beginning and the end of the study

**Method of measurement**

Serum level measurement by laboratory test

**5**

**Description**

Patient quality of life

**Timepoint**

At the end of the study

**Method of measurement**

Expanded Prostate Cancer Index Composite

## Secondary outcomes

**1**

**Description**

Serum level of hepatic transaminases

**Timepoint**

At the beginning of the study and after one and two month

**Method of measurement**

Serum level measurement by laboratory test

**2**

**Description**

creatinine Serum level

**Timepoint**

At the beginning of the study and after one and two month

**Method of measurement**

Serum level measurement by laboratory test

**3**

**Description**

Blood urea nitrogen

**Timepoint**

AT the beginning of the study and after one and two month

**Method of measurement**

Serum level measurement by laboratory test

## Intervention groups

**1**

**Description**

Intervention group: 140mg silymarin/cc four times a day

and each time 1cc after meal,oral, for 8 weeks

**Category**

Treatment - Drugs

**2**

**Description**

Control group: placebo for silymarin four times a day and each time 1cc after meal,oral, for 8 weeks

**Category**

Placebo

## Recruitment centers

**1**

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**Name of recruitment center**

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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**

Mashhad 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**

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

**Data Dictionary**

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

**Title and more details about the data/document**

The mentioned data will be published in an article after the completion of the study.

**When the data will become available and for how long**

The information will be available in article for ever.

**To whom data/document is available**

any one who want

**Under which criteria data/document could be used**

Unpublished data will be accessible after agreement of all contributors and also research deputy of Mashhad

University of Medical Sciences.

**From where data/document is obtainable**

Mail to the corresponding author

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

The request should be discussed with all contributors of the study and research deputy of Mashhad University of Medical Sciences.

**Comments**