Clinical Trial Protocol
Iranian Registry of Clinical Trials

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Study of the effect of acupressure point massage in improving balance of elderly women

Protocol summary

Study aim
Determination of the effect of acupressure on elderly balance

Design
74 elderly women after acquiring informed consent, in available sampling method with randomized allocate intervention, will divided in two intervention and control groups (each comprising 37). Acupressure will be used to improve the static and dynamic balance in the intervention group.To determine the effect of acupressure on elderly balance, the static and dynamic balance test before intervention, two weeks and four weeks after intervention will measure.

Settings and conduct
This study will be conducted in the daycare centers in Qazvin. After referring to these centers, the researcher will select 74 subjects from the qualified elderly women and then they will be allocated randomly into the intervention and control groups. The intervention group will receive the massage of acupressure points three times per week for four weeks. Static and dynamic balance of the two groups will be measured before and after the intervention.

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria
inclusion criteria: Age over 60 years old, Interested in participating in the study Not having cognitive problems in the implementation of a simple command, The ability to communicate verbally exclusion criteria: Neuro muscular disorders ,Neurological disorders ,Neurological and environmental defects, Having diabetes with neurological complications, Balanced and stretching exercises over the past 6months, Get regular medications that interfere with balance control for example:antidepressants,benzodiazepines,anti psychotics, Severe eyesight, Severe hearing loss

Intervention groups
Intervention group includes elderly women which receive acupressure point message intervention. control group includes elderly women which receive routine daily care.

Main outcome variables
static and dynamic balance of elderly

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

IRCT registration information
IRCT registration number: **IRCT20181110041606N1**
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Recruitment status
Recruitment complete

Funding source

Expected recruitment start date
2018-04-04, 1397/01/15

Expected recruitment end date
2019-04-04, 1398/01/15

Actual recruitment start date
2018-04-04, 1397/01/15

Actual recruitment end date
2018-10-07, 1397/07/15

Trial completion date
2018-10-07, 1397/07/15

Scientific title
Study of the effect of acupressure point massage in improving balance of elderly women

Public title
the effect of acupressure on elderly balance
Purpose
Supportive
Inclusion/Exclusion criteria
Inclusion criteria:
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Exclusion criteria:
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Age
From **60 years** old to **80 years** old
Gender
Female

Phase
N/A
Groups that have been masked
No information
Sample size
Target sample size: **74**
Actual sample size reached: **74**
More than 1 sample in each individual
Actual sample size in each individual: **0**
Samples were divided into intervention and control groups
Randomization (investigator's opinion)
Randomized
Randomization description
For random assignment using a randomized block design. At first, the size of the 4 blocks was considered, according to the number of samples, 19 blocks were selected based on the table of random numbers and Individuals were assigned to intervention and control groups based on the status of the blocks.
Blinding (investigator's opinion)
Not blinded
Blinding description
Placebo
Not used
Assignment
Parallel
Other design features

Secondary Ids

empty

Ethics committees

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2017-10-25, 1396/08/03
Ethics committee reference number
IR.QUMS.REC.1396.301

Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied
ICD-10 code
ICD-10 code description

Primary outcomes

1

Description
Dynamic and Static Balance
Timepoint
Before intervention and two weeks and four weeks after intervention
Method of measurement
1-TUG test 2-Step test 3-Tandem test 4-Stand on one leg test

Secondary outcomes

1

Description
Timepoint
Method of measurement

Intervention groups

1

Description
Intervention group: In the intervention groups, 3 times weekly for 4 weeks the specified pressure points will given message. Massage will done routinely with a thumb finger (Liv3,UB6,SP9,GB34,UB17, GB30, GB21, GB20) and elbow (UB11-UB25) mildly about persons tolerance will done.

(Liv3,UB6,SP9,GB34,UB17,GB30,GB20) points about 1 minute and (UB11-UB25,GB21) points about 2 minutes will given Massage. message for all the points will be take twenty minutes.

Category

N/A

2

Description

Control group: Control groups will receive usual daily routine nursing care center without any intervention.

Category

N/A

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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

Qazvin 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
Not applicable
Title and more details about the data/document
All the data have code to identify.
When the data will become available and for how long
In 2019
To whom data/document is available
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Under which criteria data/document could be used
By confirmation of Qazvin University of Medical Sciences
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