Clinical Trial Protocol
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Effects of Rosemary (Rosmarinus officinalis) Leaves Powder And Weight Reducing Diet on Lipid Profile, Glycemic Status And Liver Enzymes in Patients with Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease

Protocol summary

Study aim
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Design
A double-blind randomized clinical trial with 120 patients (60 patients in intervention and 60 controls) with nonalcoholic fatty liver

Settings and conduct
120 patients with inclusion criteria who are referred to Razi Gastroenterology Research Center of Razi Hospital in Rasht will be selected randomly (intervention or control). be. Also at the beginning and end of the study, anthropometric indices and questionnaires related to personal information, physical activity measurement, and 24-hour recall will be completed through interview. To make the study double-blind, unique codes will be used on the sachets in the randomization process, and the placebo sachets will have the same interior and exterior appearance as the rosemary sachets, and none of the participants and researchers from the group Where they will be placed and the type of intervention (rosemary powder or placebo) will not know

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria
Inclusion criteria: Satisfaction, 1 to 3 degrees of nonalcoholic fatty liver, increased liver enzymes than normal, body mass index above normal, adult Exclusion criteria: Conditions leading to hepatic steatosis, use of any dietary supplement and weight-loss medication, severe weight loss diet, smoking, pregnancy, or lactation

Intervention groups
60 patients in intervention group received 4 grams of rosemary powder daily with weight loss diet and physical activity recommendation for 8 weeks, while 60 patients in control group received 4 grams of starch with weight loss diet and physical activity recommendation for 8 weeks.

Main outcome variables
ALT , AST , ALP , GGT , TG , TC , LDL-C , HDL-C , FBS , Insulin , HOMA-Insulin resistance , HOMA- β% , QUICKI

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

IRCT registration information
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Recruitment status
Recruitment complete

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empty
Actual recruitment end date
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Trial completion date
empty

Scientific title
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Public title
Effects of Rosemary (Rosmarinus officinalis) Leaves Powder And Weight Reducing Diet on Lipid Profile, Glycemic Status And Liver Enzymes in Patients with Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease
Purpose
Treatment
Inclusion/Exclusion criteria
Inclusion criteria:
Desire to participate in studying and signing consent Diagnosis of non-alcoholic fatty liver according to criteria of the American Gastroenterology Association (33): Evidence of hepatic steatosis in liver ultrasound (grade 1 to 3 fatty liver), ALT and AST increased than normal (AST> 38 and ALT> 40 for men and more than 31 and 33 for women), the absence of conditions or diseases secondary to hepatic steatosis, including: alcohol consumption, hereditary disorders affecting liver status (hemochromatosis and Wilson's disease), Known autoimmune disease, history of hepatotoxic drugs (methotrexate, aminodarone, tamoxifen, nifedipine, corticosteroids, valproate, and medications) The virus) and non-use of anticoagulant drugs such as aspirin. Not getting other diseases and chronic and acute liver disorders (hepatitis B, C, etc.), cirrhosis, celiac disease, diabetes, thyroid disorders, cardiovascular, kidney, pulmonary and inflammatory diseases (rheumatism) BMI in the range of 40-25 Kg / m2 The age range is 20 to 65 years No use of any nutritional supplements in the past two months No use of weight-effective drugs over the past two months Not having a weight loss diet (a decrease of more than 10% of the weight) over the past three months Do not use drugs and cigarettes No pregnancy or lactation
Exclusion criteria:
Secondary conditions that lead to hepatic steatosis, including: alcohol consumption, hereditary disorders affecting liver status (hemochromatosis and Wilson's disease), and known autoimmune diseaseOther chronic and acute liver diseases and disorders such as hepatitis, cirrhosis, celiac disease, diabetes, thyroid disorders, cardiovascular, renal, pulmonary and inflammatory diseases (rheumatism)History of taking hepatotoxic drugs (methotrexate, amiodarone, tamoxifen, nifedipine, corticosteroids, valproate and antiviral drugs) as well as anticoagulants such as aspirin Use of any nutritional supplement in the past two months Use of weight-loss drugs over the past two months Having a severe weight loss diet (more than 10% weight loss) over the past three months smoking Pregnancy or lactation

Age
From **20 years** old to **65 years** old
Gender
Both

Phase
2
Groups that have been masked

- Participant
- Investigator

Sample size
Target sample size: **120**
Randomization (investigator's opinion)
Randomized
Randomization description
For randomized allocation performing, permuted block randomization will be used by quadrilateral blocks. According to the sample size of 120 subjects, 30 blocks will be generated using the online site (www.sealedenvelope.com). In order to allocation concealment in the randomized process, unique codes will be used on the drug sachets that is generated by the software. Participants will enter based on the sequence produced into study and the drug sachets with code registered will allocate to the individual. Therefore, before participants selection, they will be unaware of the type of intervention that will receive,as well as the researcher, and random sequence produced during the study will be immune from prediction.
Blinding (investigator's opinion)
Double blinded
Blinding description
In order to perform a double-blind study in order to apply concealment in the randomization process, unique codes will be used on the sachets that the code will generate by the software. As each individual enters the study, based on the sequence generated, the powder containing the code in which the code is intended will be assigned to the individual, and the rosemary or placebo powder will be coded by a third party who is unaware of the contents of the sachets. It is randomly divided into two groups by the above method. None of the participants, as well as the researcher, will be aware of the group (rosemary or placebo powder) that will be included and the type of intervention (rosemary or placebo powder) and the powder containing cartridges as well as the placebo and rosemary cartridges. They will be similar in appearance and exterior.
Placebo
Used
Assignment
Parallel
Other design features

Secondary Ids

empty

Ethics committees

1

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Name of ethics committee
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2019-09-24, 1398/07/02
Ethics committee reference number
IR.IUMS.REC.1398.656

Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied
Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease
ICD-10 code
K76.0
ICD-10 code description
Fatty (change of) liver, not elsewhere classified

Primary outcomes

1

Description
ALT
Timepoint
Before intervention and 8 weak after intervention
Method of measurement
Colorimetric method

2

Description
AST
Timepoint
Before intervention and 8 weak after intervention
Method of measurement
Colorimetric method

3

Description
ALP
Timepoint
Before intervention and 8 weak after intervention
Method of measurement
Colorimetric method

4

Description
GGT
Timepoint
Before intervention and 8 weak after intervention
Method of measurement
Colorimetric method

5

Description
TG
Timepoint
Before intervention and 8 weak after intervention
Method of measurement
Enzyme colorimetric method

6

Description
TC
Timepoint
Before intervention and 8 weak after intervention
Method of measurement
Enzyme colorimetric method

7

Description
HDL-C
Timepoint
Before intervention and 8 weak after intervention
Method of measurement
Enzyme colorimetric method

8

Description
FBS
Timepoint
Before intervention and 8 weak after intervention
Method of measurement
Enzymatic calorie meter method

9

Description
Insulin
Timepoint
Before intervention and 8 weak after intervention
Method of measurement
ELISA

10

Description
LDL-C
Timepoint
Before intervention and 8 weak after intervention
Method of measurement
calculation

11

Description
HOMA-Insulin resistance
Timepoint
Before intervention and 8 weak after intervention
Method of measurement
calculation

12

Description
HOMA- β%
Timepoint
Before intervention and 8 weak after intervention
Method of measurement
calculation

13

Description
QUICKI
Timepoint
Before intervention and 8 weak after intervention
Method of measurement
calculation

Secondary outcomes

1

Description
Weight
Timepoint
Before intervention and 8 months after intervention
Method of measurement
Scales

2

Description
Height
Timepoint
Before intervention and 8 months after intervention
Method of measurement
Meter

3

Description
Waist
Timepoint
Before intervention and 8 months after intervention
Method of measurement
Meter

4

Description
BMI
Timepoint
Before intervention and 8 months after intervention
Method of measurement
calculation

Intervention groups

1

Description
Intervention group A (n = 60): Low-calorie diet and physical activity design based on the Adult Overweight and Obesity Control Guide (published by the US National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute). The energy required for each patient is calculated and the macronutrient division is calculated as 30% fat, 15% protein and 55% carbohydrate. The diet will be adjusted based on the amount of units needed for each individual food group and a list of food substitutes will be explained. Physical activity is also recommended to all patients for at least 150 minutes per week. Adherence to the prescribed diet and physical activity are monitored weekly through telephone interviews as well as using dietary intake records and 24-hour physical activity at the beginning and end of the study (34). The intervention group also received 4 grams of rosemary leaf powder daily.
Category
Treatment - Drugs

2

Description
Control group B (n = 60): Low-calorie diet and physical activity similar to group A receive 4 grams of starch powder (placebo).
Category
Placebo

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Grant code / Reference number

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

Title of funding source
Vice-chancellor for research 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

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

Only a section of the data, such as primary outcomes information or the like, will be shared.

When the data will become available and for how long

Access period start 6 months after results publishing.

To whom data/document is available

The obtained data from current study will be available only for working researchers in academic and scientific institutions.

Under which criteria data/document could be used

Six months after the publicated papers from this study, the obtained data will be available to the researchers for further analysis.

From where data/document is obtainable

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

publishing in scientific- research journals Applicants will be given access to the obtained data from current study by sending an email to the correspond author.

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