

Clinical Trial Protocol

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Effectiveness of probiotics yoghurt as a complementary method on treatment and recurrence of bacterial vaginosis: a randomized controlled trial

Protocol summary

Summary

The objectives of this randomized controlled trial are to evaluate effect of probiotics yoghurt as a complementary method on improving treatment effect of Metronidazol and preventing recurrence of bacterial vaginosis. It will be conducted on 140 married women aged 15-49 years referring to Alzahra hospital clinics in Tabriz who have bacterial vaginosis (diagnosed by ≥ 3 Amsel criteria and Nugent score $\geq 4-6$ or over 7 with no considering Clue Cells) and are not infected to other vaginal infections. Eligible women will be allocated into two groups using the Block Randomization with block sizes four and six. The intervention group will take Metronidazole oral tablets and probiotic yogurt, while the control group will take Metronidazole oral tablets and yoghurt with no probiotics. Similar packaging will be used to conceal the allocation sequence. The yoghurt packs will be sequentially numbered based on allocation sequence by a person not involved in data collection and analyzing. The patients will be asked to use 100 gr yoghurt packs three times a day for 60 days and come back to the clinic 10 ± 2 and 90 and 180 ± 7 days after starting treatment for outcome assessment. Outcomes are microbiological cure as assessed by ≤ 1 Amsel criteria and Nugent score $\leq 4-6$ and clinical cure as reported by patient and clinician at days 10 ± 2 and 90 and 180. Data will be analyzed by Chi-square using SPSS software.

General information

Acronym

IRCT registration information

IRCT registration number: **IRCT201206243706N13**

Registration date: **2012-07-14, 1391/04/24**

Registration timing: **prospective**

Last update:

Update count: **0**

Registration date

2012-07-14, 1391/04/24

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

Tabriz university of Medical Sciences & Infectious disease research center

Expected recruitment start date

2012-07-22, 1391/05/01

Expected recruitment end date

2012-12-20, 1391/09/30

Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date

empty

Trial completion date

empty

Scientific title

Effectiveness of probiotics yoghurt as a complementary method on treatment and recurrence of bacterial vaginosis: a randomized controlled trial

Public title

Effectiveness of probiotics yoghurt on treatment and recurrence of bacterial vaginosis

Purpose

Treatment

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria: 1- Married, non pregnant, non lactating women aged 49-15 years 2-diagnosis of bacterial vaginosis by Amsel and Nugent Criteria). 3 - no abnormal vaginal bleeding. 4 - no probable intervening situations with the test results (menstruation at time of smear, having sex during last 48 hours, use of douch during last 48 hours) 5 -giving informed consent to participate the study and be able to present at the clinic during next 24 hours, once every 2 weeks for next 2 month (to get the yoghurts), and also after 3 months, and after 6 months for assessments. Exclusion criteria: 1 - use of antibiotics in last 2 weeks. 2 - use of vaginal drugs in last 30 days. 3 - suffering from HIV. 4 - suffering from heart disease and kidney failure. 5 - Having surgery on the colon. 6 - smoking. 7 - Starting to use IUD in the last month or deciding to insert IUD in following 3 months. 8 - using immunosuppressive drugs.

Age

From **15 years** old to **49 years** old

Gender

Female

Phase

N/A

Groups that have been masked

No information

Sample size

Target sample size: **140**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)

Randomized

Randomization description

Blinding (investigator's opinion)

Triple blinded

Blinding description

Placebo

Used

Assignment

Parallel

Other design features

Secondary Ids

empty

Ethics committees

1

Ethics committee

Name of ethics committee

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2012-07-02, 1391/04/12

Ethics committee reference number

9156

Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied

Bacterial Vaginosis

ICD-10 code

N76

ICD-10 code description

other inflammation of vagina and vulva

Primary outcomes

1

Description

Microbiological cure

Timepoint

10+2 days after starting treatment

Method of measurement

Microbiological cure as assessed by Amsel criteria and Nugent score

2

Description

Recurrence of bacterial vaginosis

Timepoint

90 and 180 +/- 7 days after starting treatment

Method of measurement

Amsel criteria and Nugent score

Secondary outcomes

1

Description

Clinical cure

Timepoint

10 +/- 3 days and 90 and 180 +/-7 days after starting treatment

Method of measurement

Patient and clinician reports

Intervention groups

1

Description

Intervention group(metronidazol tablet + probiotic yogurt) at first 7 days metronidazol(500 mg Twice a day) then probiotic yogurt daily for 2 month.

Category

Treatment - Drugs

2

Description

Control group(metronidazol tablet + Pasteurized

yogurt)at first 7 days metronidazol(500 mg Twice a day)
then Pasteurized yogurt daily for 2 month.

Category

Placebo

Recruitment centers

1

Recruitment center

Name of recruitment center

Alzahra hospital clinics in Tabriz

Full name of responsible person

somayeh ziyadi

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Artesh street

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Sponsors / Funding sources

1

Sponsor

Name of organization / entity

Infectious disease research center

Full name of responsible person

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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

Infectious disease research center

Proportion provided by this source

100

Public or private sector

empty

Domestic or foreign origin

empty

Category of foreign source of funding

empty

Country of origin

Type of organization providing the funding

empty

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Sharing plan

Deidentified Individual Participant Data Set (IPD)

empty

Study Protocol

empty

Statistical Analysis Plan

empty

Informed Consent Form

empty

Clinical Study Report

empty

Analytic Code

empty

Data Dictionary

empty