

# Clinical Trial Protocol

## Iranian Registry of Clinical Trials

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### The efficacy of cassia fistula syrup on constipation in pregnant women

#### Protocol summary

##### Study aim

The efficacy of Cassia Fistula syrup on constipation in pregnant women

##### Design

This study has a control group with parallel design. Sample size, for the error type I, 5% and power of 80%, in each group was calculated as 22. Considering 20% dropout rate, the final sample size was calculated 35 in each group. Samples were randomly divided into intervention and control groups. permuted block Randomization will be used with block of 4.

##### Settings and conduct

This study will be carried out on 70 pregnant women referred to Rouhani hospital in Babol, Mazandaran, Iran. The intervention group will use the syrup, in addition to the nutritional and physical activity recommendations. Three days later, if there is no defecation, 25% added to the dose. Patients are checked in one and two weeks and the constipation checklist will be completed. The control group also received nutrition and physical activity recommendations, and the checklists will be completed in the first and second weeks after the start.

##### Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria: Age 17-35 years. Gestational age 28-40 weeks. constipation was based on the criteria of the study (less than 3 times/week defecation, pain while defecation, stool stiffness). exclusion criteria: high risk pregnancy. The history of inflammatory bowel disease, intestinal surgery, smoking, drug abuse, history of Rheumatologic diseases

##### Intervention groups

In the intervention group, cassia fistula syrup will be given to 35 women who had a diagnosis of constipation based on the criteria of the study, twice a day for 2 weeks, in addition to nutritional and physical activity recommendations. In the control group, 35 women who matched with the intervention group received only nutritional and physical activity recommendations

##### Main outcome variables

The frequency of defecation per week

#### General information

##### Reason for update

Because of our patient age ,we want to entering age between 17 to 38

##### Acronym

##### IRCT registration information

IRCT registration number: **IRCT20100704004306N11**  
Registration date: **2020-02-13, 1398/11/24**  
Registration timing: **registered\_while\_recruiting**

Last update: **2020-05-27, 1399/03/07**

Update count: **1**

##### Registration date

2020-02-13, 1398/11/24

##### Registrant information

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##### Recruitment status

**Recruitment complete**

##### Funding source

##### Expected recruitment start date

2020-02-09, 1398/11/20

##### Expected recruitment end date

2020-05-09, 1399/02/20

##### Actual recruitment start date

empty

##### Actual recruitment end date

empty

##### Trial completion date

empty

### Scientific title

The efficacy of cassia fistula syrup on constipation in pregnant women

### Public title

The efficacy of cassia fistula syrup on constipation in pregnant women

### Purpose

Treatment

### Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

#### Inclusion criteria:

Satisfaction with entering the study Age between 17 and 38 years Gestational age 28-40 weeks Diagnosis of constipation based on study criteria (defecation less than 3 times a week, pain while defecating and stool stiffness)

#### Exclusion criteria:

High risk pregnancy (twin pregnancy, abortion, placenta previa, preterm labor, fetal anomaly) History of inflammatory bowel disease (Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis) History of intestinal surgery Smoking and drug abuse Rheumatologic diseases

### Age

From **17 years** old to **38 years** old

### Gender

Female

### Phase

1-2

### Groups that have been masked

*No information*

### Sample size

Target sample size: **70**

### Randomization (investigator's opinion)

Randomized

### Randomization description

Randomization is performed for two groups in blocks of 4. Patients will randomly divide into two groups: intervention 1 and intervention 2 (intervention 1: nutritional and physical activity recommendations and intervention 2: dietary recommendations and physical activity + cassia fistula syrup). Random permuted blocks (blocks containing 4 of A and B) will be prepared and eligible samples will be assigned to two intervention groups. Intervention groups 1 and 2 are each marked with one of the letters A and B, and cards with different quadruple combinations of letters A and B will be produced. Picking up the cards randomly will determine the following 4 patients will be placed in which of the intervention groups.

### Blinding (investigator's opinion)

Not blinded

### Blinding description

#### Placebo

Not used

#### Assignment

Parallel

### Other design features

## Secondary Ids

empty

## Ethics committees

### 1

#### Ethics committee

##### Name of ethics committee

Ethics committee of Babol University of Medical Sciences

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##### Province

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##### Postal code

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#### Approval date

2019-03-03, 1397/12/12

#### Ethics committee reference number

IR.MUBABOL.REC.1397.058

## Health conditions studied

### 1

#### Description of health condition studied

Constipation in pregnant women

#### ICD-10 code

K59.0

#### ICD-10 code description

Constipation

## Primary outcomes

### 1

#### Description

frequency of defecation per week

#### Timepoint

Before intervention and one and two week after intervention

#### Method of measurement

Constipation checklist

## Secondary outcomes

empty

## Intervention groups

### 1

#### Description

The intervention group (35 pregnant women) will receive nutritional and physical activity recommendations. Also, for two weeks, 1 tbs containing 10 cc of the cassia fistula syrup ("Flubel" syrup produced by Sanabel Daru Co.) twice a day will be given. If constipation does not improve, patients can increase the dose of the drug to 30 cc daily and record this amount.

#### Category

Treatment - Drugs

## 2

### Description

In the control group (35 pregnant women) only nutritional and physical activity recommendations are given. These recommendations include a written text on the need for adequate fluids, fiber foods, and the need for regular daily physical activity.

### Category

Lifestyle

## Recruitment centers

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Rouhani Hospital

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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

Babol 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)**

Undecided - It is not yet known if there will be a plan to make this available

**Study Protocol**

Undecided - It is not yet known if there will be a plan to make this available

**Statistical Analysis Plan**

Undecided - It is not yet known if there will be a plan to make this available

**Informed Consent Form**

Undecided - It is not yet known if there will be a plan to make this available

**Clinical Study Report**

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

**Analytic Code**

Undecided - It is not yet known if there will be a plan to make this available

**Data Dictionary**

Undecided - It is not yet known if there will be a plan to make this available

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

The result will be sharing

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

The results of the study will be published at least one year after sampling and analyzing the data.

**To whom data/document is available**

Academic researchers can apply to study documents

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

Available for systematic review studies

**From where data/document is obtainable**

Dr. Seyyed Ali Mozaffarpur is responsible for reviewing requests and information. Call: 00989111139105 or email: seyedal1357@gmail.com

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

Dr. Seyyed Ali Mozaffarpur is responsible for reviewing requests and information.

**Comments**