

Clinical Trial Protocol

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The efficacy of Trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy on reducing trauma symptoms and improving cognitive function in children with posttraumatic stress symptoms

Protocol summary

Study aim

The efficacy of Trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy on reducing trauma symptoms and improving cognitive function in children with posttraumatic stress symptoms

Design

Clinical trial with a control group (n = 17) and an intervention group (n = 17), sample size including 34 subjects, randomized through rolling the dice(Eligible individuals are divided into control and intervention groups by rolling the dice).

Settings and conduct

Due to the prevalence of Covid-19 disease, sampling Sampling will be done in absentia and through virtual pages(Rubika, Instagram, WhatsApp). Sampling is done among the people who contact the researcher and want to participate in the research according to the entry and exit criteria.

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Entry criteria:1-Trauma history (grief,sexual abuse,natural disasters,accidents); 2-Having symptoms associated with trauma and post traumatic stress; 3- Being in the range of 7 to 13 years; 4-Not attending psychotherapy courses for at least one year ago Exit criteria: 1-Simultaneous diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder, intellectual disorder, childhood psychosis, major depressive disorder in childhood, severe childhood mania, conduct disorder, severe bipolar disorder; 2-Acute psychiatric disorder of parents participating in treatment; 3-Use any psychotropic drugs; 4-Need psychiatric emergencies.

Intervention groups

Intervention group: Individuals in this group receive 16 sessions of 90 minutes, three sessions per week, for trauma-based cognitive-behavioral therapy. In this study, a 16-session protocol of this treatment was used. Control group: During the study, members of this group are on

the waiting list and after completion, they receive the same treatment as the intervention group.

Main outcome variables

Trauma symptoms; attention; inhibition

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

IRCT registration information

IRCT registration number: **IRCT20190701044063N1**

Registration date: **2021-02-11, 1399/11/23**

Registration timing: **retrospective**

Last update: **2021-02-11, 1399/11/23**

Update count: **0**

Registration date

2021-02-11, 1399/11/23

Registrant information

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

Expected recruitment start date

2020-06-21, 1399/04/01

Expected recruitment end date

2020-07-20, 1399/04/30

Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date
empty

Trial completion date
empty

Scientific title
The efficacy of Trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy on reducing trauma symptoms and improving cognitive function in children with posttraumatic stress symptoms

Public title
Childhood trauma treatment

Purpose
Treatment

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria
Inclusion criteria:
Trauma history (grief,sexual abuse,natural disasters,accidents) Having symptoms associated with trauma and post traumatic stress Being in the range of 7 to 13 years Not attending psychotherapy courses for at least one year ago
Exclusion criteria:
Simultaneous diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder, intellectual disorder, childhood psychosis, major depressive disorder in childhood, severe childhood mania, conduct disorder, severe bipolar disorder Acute psychiatric disorder of parents participating in treatment Use any psychotropic drugs Need psychiatric emergencies

Age
From **7 years** old to **13 years** old

Gender
Both

Phase
N/A

Groups that have been masked
No information

Sample size
Target sample size: **30**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)
Randomized

Randomization description
Eligible individuals are divided into control and intervention groups by rolling the dice.

Blinding (investigator's opinion)
Not blinded

Blinding description

Placebo
Not used

Assignment
Other

Other design features

Secondary Ids
empty

Ethics committees

1

Ethics committee
Name of ethics committee
Ethics Committee in Research, University of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences
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Approval date
2020-02-25, 1398/12/06
Ethics committee reference number
IR.USWR.REC.1399.019

Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied
Post-traumatic stress disorder
ICD-10 code
F43.1
ICD-10 code description
Post-traumatic stress disorder

Primary outcomes

1

Description
Post-traumatic Stress Symptoms
Timepoint
Before intervention, 3 to 7 days after intervention
Method of measurement
Parent Report of Post-traumatic Stress Symptoms, Child Report of Post-traumatic Symptoms

2

Description
Cognitive function
Timepoint
Before intervention, 3 to 7 days after intervention
Method of measurement
Emotional stroop

Secondary outcomes

empty

Intervention groups

1

Description

Intervention group: Individuals in this group receive 16 sessions of 90 minutes, three sessions per week, for trauma-based cognitive-behavioral therapy. In this study, a 16-session protocol of this treatment was used. Session 1: Psychological education. Session 2: Parenting. Session 3: Relaxation. Session 4: Affect Identification & Regulation. Sessions 5 and 6: Cognitive Coping. Sessions 7 and 8: Trauma Processing and Narration Part I. Sessions 9, 10, and 11: Trauma Processing and Narration Part II. Sessions 12, 13, and 14: in vivo mastery. Session 15: Conjoint Parent-Child Sessions. Session 16: Enhancing Safety & Future Development

Category

Treatment - Other

2**Description**

Control group: During the study, members of this group are on the waiting list and after completion, they receive the same treatment as the intervention group.

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

University of social welfare and rehabilitation 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

Person responsible for general inquiries**Contact****Name of organization / entity**

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Latest degree

Bachelor

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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

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

Statistical Analysis Plan

Yes - There is 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

release schedule is not yet known.

When the data will become available and for how long

After completing the research

To whom data/document is available

Researchers and scientific centers

Under which criteria data/document could be used

Trauma and treatment centers

From where data/document is obtainable

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

The request will be checked by email and sent if necessary.

Comments