Clinical Trial Protocol
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Investigation of immunomodulatory effects of hydroxychloroquine on pregnancy outcomes in patients with repeated implantation failure (RIF)

Protocol summary

Study aim
Investigation of immunomodulatory effects of hydroxychloroquine on pregnancy outcomes in patients with RIF

Design
Clinical trial with control group (sample size of 70), parallel groups, triple blind, randomized

Settings and conduct
This is a triple blind study (patient, researcher and data analyst are blinded) and includes patients referring to Milad Infertility Clinic in Mashhad who are randomly assigned to two groups through simple randomization.

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria
Inclusion criteria: pregnant woman with lower than 35 years old and 3 unsuccessful IVF in embryo transfer, pregnant woman with greater than 35 years old and 2 unsuccessful IVF in embryo transfer, women with uterine cavity and normal thrombophilia tests and with good-quality embryos Exclusion criteria: drug sensitivity, patient dissatisfaction

Intervention groups
Control group: Patients receive 4 mg of Estradiol valerate in the first 7 days of cycle for preparation of endometrium and 6 mg of it in the next 7 days until the endometrium is prepared. Following endometrial preparation based on a good quality fetal age (3 or 5 days), 800-mg Progesterone is given to patients . Intervention group: In addition to the routine treatment of the control group, each person is given 2 tablets of 200-mg hydroxychlorine per day from the third day of the menstrual cycle up to 14 days after embryo transfer (time of pregnancy test).

Main outcome variables
Chemical pregnancy (conducting the BHCG test 14 days after embryo transfer); implantation rate; clinical pregnancy (viewing live fetus using ultrasound scan)

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

IRCT registration information
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Recruitment status
Recruitment complete

Funding source

Expected recruitment start date
2019-09-23, 1398/07/01

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empty

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empty

Scientific title

Investigation of immunomodulatory effects of hydroxychloroquine on pregnancy outcomes in patients with repeated implantation failure (RIF)

Public title
Investigation of immunomodulatory effects of hydroxychloroquine on pregnancy outcomes in patients with repeated implantation failure

Purpose
Treatment

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria:
pregnant woman with lower than 35 years old and 3 unsuccessful IVF in embryo transfer pregnant woman with greater than 35 years old and 2 unsuccessful IVF in embryo transfer women with uterine cavity and normal thrombophilia tests and with good-quality embryos

Exclusion criteria:
Drug sensitivity patient dissatisfaction

Age
From **20 years** old to **42 years** old

Gender
Female

Phase
2-3

Groups that have been masked

- Participant
- Investigator
- Data analyser

Sample size
Target sample size: **70**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)
Randomized

Randomization description
Simple randomization with table of random numbers available at ''www.randomization.com'' website will be used. Numbers will be placed in sealed envelopes and each envelope is assigned to one patient and places her in one of the two groups.

Blinding (investigator's opinion)
Triple blinded

Blinding description
In this study, participants are not aware of the type of treatment and the intervention. The researcher is also unaware of the type of drug being administered, and the analyst does not know which codes belong to which groups. Only a non-beneficiary outside the project is aware of the codes that will be decrypted after the completion the statistical analyses.

Placebo
Not used

Assignment
Parallel

Other design features

Secondary Ids

empty

Ethics committees

1

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2019-08-27, 1398/06/05

Ethics committee reference number
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Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied
women infertility

ICD-10 code
N98.3

ICD-10 code description
Complications of attempted introduction of embryo in embryo transfer

Primary outcomes

1

Description
chemical pregnancy

Timepoint
14 days after embryo transfer

Method of measurement
Conducting BHCG test

2

Description
implantation rate

Timepoint
2-4 weeks after BHCG test is positive

Method of measurement
viewing the number of gestational sacs using ultrasound scan

3

Description
clinical pregnancy

Timepoint
3-5 weeks after BHCG test is positive

Method of measurement

viewing the live fetus using ultrasound scan

Secondary outcomes

empty

Intervention groups

1

Description

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Category

Treatment - Drugs

2

Description

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Category

N/A

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1

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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

Mashhad 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
Not applicable
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
Not applicable
Data Dictionary
Not applicable
Title and more details about the data/document
All data can be shared after patients are made unidentifiable.
When the data will become available and for how long
Data can be accessible 6 months after results are published.
To whom data/document is available
Data will be available for researchers in universities and other scientific institutes.
Under which criteria data/document could be used
Carrying out analysis on data is permitted.
From where data/document is obtainable
Data can be accessible through sending an email to the corresponding author.
What processes are involved for a request to access data/document
After sending a request email to the corresponding author, data will be sent in 1 month.
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