

Clinical Trial Protocol

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Comparison of the effect of liposomal clarithromycin plus glucantime and glucantime in treatment of cutaneous leishmaniasis

Protocol summary

Study aim

Comparison of the effect of liposomal clarithromycin plus glucantime and glucantime in treatment of cutaneous leishmaniasis

Design

A randomized controlled clinical trial with parallel, double-blind, randomized groups

Settings and conduct

The study was carried out at the Leishmania Center in Isfahan. The duration of treatment is 28 days. The patient is given three phalluses, the first one being six weeks after the second treatment, three months later, and the third six months later. Patients were evaluated three times, first by clinical examination and re-epithelization and then by the size of lesions before, 6 weeks, 12 weeks and 6 months after intervention. Patients are not aware of the therapeutic content of others. The data analyzer is also blinded.

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Inclusion: Ages 15 to 65 years Skin lesion with a diameter greater than 5 cm Cartilage or articular or facial lesion Number of lesions over 5 in patient Leishmania's disease has been proven by the patient's Smear For Leishman Body Test. Exclusion: Pregnant or lactating patients. History of concurrent or previous treatment for the lesion. Have heart, kidney, liver problems, drug side effects. The patient's unwillingness.

Intervention groups

Control group: Patients with cutaneous leishmaniasis treated with glucantime and placebo for 28 days and three times daily. Intervention group: Patients with cutaneous leishmaniasis, treated with glucantime and liposomal for 28 days and three times a day. For the administration of this drug, the patient is first fully guided and full explanation of how to use the drug in practice is done to the patient. The patient uses liposomal clarithromycin every night. The treatment lasts 28 days.

Main outcome variables

Size of lesion, frequency of lesions, drug side effects

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

IRCT registration information

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

Expected recruitment start date

2019-12-22, 1398/10/01

Expected recruitment end date

2020-08-22, 1399/06/01

Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date

empty

Trial completion date

empty	Used
Scientific title	Assignment
Comparison of the effect of liposomal clarithromycin plus glucantime and glucantime in treatment of cutaneous leishmaniasis	Parallel
	Other design features
Public title	Secondary Ids
Comparison of the effect of liposomal clarithromycin plus glucantime and glucantime in treatment of cutaneous leishmaniasis	empty
Purpose	Ethics committees
Treatment	
Inclusion/Exclusion criteria	1
Inclusion criteria:	Ethics committee
Ages 15 to 65 years Skin lesion with a diameter greater than 5 cm Cartilage or articular or facial lesion Number of lesions over 5 in patient Leishmania's disease has been proven by the patient's Smear For Leishman Body Test.	Name of ethics committee
Exclusion criteria:	Ethics Committee of Isfahan University of Medical Sciences
Pregnant or lactating patients. History of concurrent or previous treatment for the lesion. Have heart, kidney, liver problems, drug side effects. The patient's unwillingness.	Street address
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Age	Approval date
From 15 years old to 65 years old	2019-10-15, 1398/07/23
Gender	Ethics committee reference number
Both	IR.MUI.MED.REC.1398.396
Phase	
2-3	
Groups that have been masked	Health conditions studied
- Participant - Data analyser	1
Sample size	Description of health condition studied
Target sample size: 60	leishmaniasis
More than 1 sample in each individual	ICD-10 code
Number of samples in each individual: 5	B55
Patients have at least 5 lesions over 5 cm in diameter.	ICD-10 code description
Randomization (investigator's opinion)	Leishmaniasis
Randomized	
Randomization description	Primary outcomes
Patients with leishmania at the Isfahan Leishmania Center who meet the inclusion criteria are selected easily and readily. Then, as long as 60 samples are prepared, sampling continues. Each person with 5 wounds is considered as a block and one intervention (liposomal with glucantime or glucocantime with placebo) is performed. Therefore, there are 6 people in each group. These individuals are divided into control and intervention groups using spss computer program. Subsequently, patients were divided into two groups of 30 patients receiving liposomal clarithromycin with glucantime and glucantime with placebo.	1
Blinding (investigator's opinion)	Description
Double blinded	The size of the lesion
Blinding description	Timepoint
Patients in each group are not aware of the therapeutic content of the other group. Data is also provided to the data analyzer after anonymization.	Before, 6 weeks, 12 weeks and 6 months after intervention
Placebo	Method of measurement
	Physical examination
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	Description
	Frequency of waste
	Timepoint
	Before, 6 weeks, 12 weeks and 6 months after intervention
	Method of measurement

3**Description**

Drug side effects

Timepoint

6 weeks, 12 weeks and 6 months after intervention

Method of measurement

Physical examination

Secondary outcomes

empty

Intervention groups**1****Description**

Control group: Patients with leishmania are treated with glucantime and placebo for 28 days and three times daily. To prescribe this medicine, the patient is first fully instructed and a complete explanation of how the drug is practiced is given to the patient. The patient is given three phalluses, the first one being six weeks after the second treatment, three months later, and the third six months later. Patients were evaluated three times, first by clinical examination and re-epithelization, and then by the size of the lesions before and after treatment.

Category

Placebo

2**Description**

Intervention group: For the 30 randomized patients in the intervention group in addition to glucantime, liposomal formulations of topical clarithromycin are provided by dehydration-release. For this purpose, dipalmitoyl phosphatidylcholine (DPPC) and cholesterol in molar ratio of 6 to 1 are used. 114 mg of DPPC and 10 mg of cholesterol are added to a round bottom balloon and dissolved in sufficient chloroform-methanol (2: 1 ratio). The solubility in the rotor is dried and transformed into a thin film. Then 1 mg of clarithromycin is dissolved in 1 ml of phosphate buffer at pH 7.4 and then used to hydrate the lipid film. The resulting suspension is vortexed for 5 minutes and then subjected to ultrasound in a 45 Hz ultrasonic bath for 2 minutes. The resulting suspension is frozen and stored in the refrigerator when used. To prescribe medication, the patient is first fully instructed and a complete explanation of how the drug is practiced is given to the patient. The patient uses liposomal clarithromycin every night. The duration of treatment is 28 days. The patient is given three phalluses, the first one being six weeks after the second treatment, three months later, and the third one 6 months later. Patients were evaluated three times, first through clinical examination and re-epithelization and then the size of the lesions that were photographed before and after treatment.

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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

Esfahan 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**

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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

The information is shared two years after the results are published.

When the data will become available and for how long

The information is shared two years after the results are published.

To whom data/document is available

Specialists and assistants in the infectious and dermatology department

Under which criteria data/document could be used

Compare this medicine with another medicine

From where data/document is obtainable

Send mehrradreza1@yahoo.com an email

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

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Comments

