Clinical Trial Protocol
Iranian Registry of Clinical Trials

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The effect of chamomile tea on anxiety and depression in postmenopausal women

Protocol summary

Study aim
The determine of the effect of chamomile tea on anxiety and depression in postmenopausal women.

Design
A two-group clinical trial with parallel groups is performed on 68 people. In both groups, the intervention is performed with chamomile tea or placebo. Study is one-blinded. Sampling done with simple method and random allocation was done.

Settings and conduct
The ethical aspects were investigated and confirmed by the Research Ethics Committee of AJUMS, and the necessary permissions were obtained. Participants who had the inclusion criteria enrolled in this one-blinded study and randomization was conducted in A or B groups.

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria
Inclusion criteria: Interested in participating in the study. Having at least elementary education. 45-60 years old. Amenorrhea for at least 1 year. Mild to moderate anxiety and depression symptoms (according to DASS scale). Exclusion criteria: Having allergy to chamomile. Major depression that need to special treatment. Person who have suicidal thoughts and self-harm. Having renal, liver, cardiac and thyroid disease, bleeding disorder and malignancies. degenerative, auto immune and psychological disorders. Using of anti-depression and sedative drugs in 3 months ago. Having a history of stressful events or tragic events in recent months such as the death of a spouse or close persons. Having a history of drug or alcohol abuse.

Intervention groups
This study have 2 groups. Group A: receives chamomile. Group B: receives placebo.

Main outcome variables
Anxiety and depression in postmenopausal women.

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

IRCT registration information
IRCT registration number: **IRCT20200818048452N1**
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Recruitment status
Recruitment complete

Funding source

Expected recruitment start date
2020-10-22, 1399/08/01

Expected recruitment end date
2021-04-21, 1400/02/01

Actual recruitment start date
empty

Actual recruitment end date
empty

Trial completion date
empty

Scientific title

The effect of chamomile tea on anxiety and depression in postmenopausal women

Public title
The effect of chamomile tea on anxiety and depression in postmenopausal women
Purpose
Treatment
Inclusion/Exclusion criteria
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Age
From **45 years** old to **60 years** old
Gender
Female

Phase
N/A
Groups that have been masked

- Participant

Sample size
Target sample size: **68**
Randomization (investigator's opinion)
Randomized
Randomization description
Randomization is performed using a random number table to create quadruple blocks in a one-to-one ratio that will be placed in two groups of 30 people to intervene and control.
Blinding (investigator's opinion)
Single blinded
Blinding description
In this study, participants did not know each person was placed in which group.
Placebo
Used
Assignment
Parallel
Other design features

Secondary Ids

empty

Ethics committees

1

Ethics committee
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Ethics committee reference number
IR.AJUMS.REC.1399.228

Health conditions studied

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Description of health condition studied
Anxiety and depression in postmenopausal women.
ICD-10 code
F06.4
ICD-10 code description
Anxiety disorder due to known physiological condition

Primary outcomes

1

Description
Anxiety and depression in postmenopausal women.
Timepoint
Pre-intervention, 4 weeks after the start of the intervention, 8 weeks after the start of the intervention.
Method of measurement
Variables are measured by demographic questionnaire and DAAS-21 scale.

Secondary outcomes

1

Description
Anxiety and depression in postmenopausal women.
Timepoint
Pre-intervention, 4 weeks after the start of the intervention, 8 weeks after the start of the intervention.
Method of measurement
Variables are measured by demographic questionnaire and DAAS-21 scale.

Intervention groups

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Description
Intervention group: For this patient if they had the inclusion criteria, after submitting a description and

obtaining informed consent, The DAAS-21 questionnaire and the demographic information form will be completed pre-intervention. Each patient consumes three sachets daily at least half an hour after each meal. In this way, 2.5 grams of dried German chamomile flowers made by Golestan factory are placed in 150 cc of boiling water every time. The duration of putting the tea in boiling water is the same for all people. Patients are followed up 4 weeks after the intervention and 8 weeks after the intervention and the DAAS-21 questionnaire is completed for them.

Category

Treatment - Other

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Description

Control group: For this patient if they had the inclusion criteria, after submitting a description and obtaining informed consent, The DAAS-21 questionnaire and the demographic information form will be completed pre-intervention. In this group, the intervention is applied with the placebo that contains wheat germ powder. Each patient consumes three bags of placebo daily for at least half an hour after each meal. Each time, 2.5 grams of placebo, which is similar in shape and size to the chamomile tea bag made by Golestan factory, is placed in 150 cc of boiling water. The duration of putting the bag in the boiling water is the same for all participants. Patients are followed up 4 weeks after the intervention and 8 weeks after the intervention and the DAAS-21 questionnaire is completed for them. It should be noted that placebo contains wheat germ powder, which according to scientific articles and documents has no therapeutic effect on anxiety and depression.

Category

Treatment - Other

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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

Ahvaz 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

Person responsible for general inquiries

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