

# Clinical Trial Protocol

## Iranian Registry of Clinical Trials

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### Investigation of the effect of artemisinin Capsules and Dermaneh (Artemisia persica) and Afsantin Artemisia absinthium (Capsules in the treatment of coronavirus COVID-19 virus in Afzalipour hospital, Kerman, 2020

#### Protocol summary

##### Study aim

Investigation of the effect of artemisinin Capsules, Dermaneh (Artemisia persica) Capsules and Afsantin (Artemisia absinthium) Capsules on the treatment of patients with corona (COVID-19)

##### Design

A randomized, controlled, three-blind, placebo-controlled clinical trial, triple-blind, randomized, phase 2 on 30 patients. The table of random numbers is used for randomization.

##### Settings and conduct

Afzalipour hospital, Kerman, 2020, Care provider, Investigator, outcome assessor and data analyzer are blind. The drugs were the same in color and same shape. Care provider, Investigator, outcome assessor and data analyzer are blind did not know anything about the drug.

##### Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria: Signing consent form; Age 18-65 years old; PCR positive test or characteristic signs on a CT scan of the chest with mild to moderate clinical manifestations according to the National Early Warning Score (NEWS)  
Exclusion criteria: Severe liver disease; Severe renal disease; allergic reaction to used drugs in study; Pregnant or breastfeeding women; transfer to the intensive care unit.

##### Intervention groups

The intervention group will receive 100 mg artemisinin, two Dermaneh capsules and two Afsantin capsules the control group will receive placebo capsules daily. Patients will be given daily capsules in packs containing 70 capsules and we ask patients to take five capsules daily for 14 days.

##### Main outcome variables

Lymphocytes, C-reactive protein, Respiratory Rate, Oxygen saturation, Headache, Muscle pain, Sore throat, Anorexia, Fatigue and Cough

#### General information

##### Reason for update

##### Acronym

##### IRCT registration information

IRCT registration number: **IRCT20201027049164N6**

Registration date: **2022-03-29, 1401/01/09**

Registration timing: **retrospective**

Last update: **2022-03-29, 1401/01/09**

Update count: **0**

##### Registration date

2022-03-29, 1401/01/09

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##### Recruitment status

##### Recruitment complete

##### Funding source

##### Expected recruitment start date

2020-11-10, 1399/08/20

##### Expected recruitment end date

2021-02-18, 1399/11/30

##### Actual recruitment start date

empty

##### Actual recruitment end date

empty

##### Trial completion date

empty

### Scientific title

Investigation of the effect of artemisinin Capsules and Dermaneh (Artemisia persica) and Afsantin Artemisia absinthium( Capsules in the treatment of coronavirus COVID-19 virus in Afzalipour hospital, Kerman, 2020

### Public title

Investigation of the effect of artemisinin and Dermaneh and Afsantin in the treatment of coronavirus COVID-19 virus

### Purpose

Treatment

### Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

#### Inclusion criteria:

Patients with signing Informed Consent Age 18-65 years old Positive CRP test for SARS-CoV-2 virus or characteristic signs on a CT scan of the chest with mild to moderate clinical manifestations according to the National Early Warning Score (NEWS) (mild: 1-4 / moderate: 5-6)

#### Exclusion criteria:

Receipt of any another experimental treatment Severe liver disease Known allergic reaction to drugs Severe renal disease Pregnant or breastfeeding women transfer to the intensive care unit

### Age

From **18 years** old to **65 years** old

### Gender

Both

### Phase

3

### Groups that have been masked

- Participant
- Care provider
- Investigator
- Outcome assessor
- Data analyser

### Sample size

Target sample size: **30**

### Randomization (investigator's opinion)

Randomized

### Randomization description

For randomization, the table of random numbers will be used. First, a code from 01 to 30, was given to patient. The first 15 was used for intervention group whereas the other 15 for the control. We placed a finger on the columns of the random numbers table to determine start point, and the last two digits of each column were considered. It was ignored if numbers were higher. For example, 23 code received placebo.

### Blinding (investigator's opinion)

Double blinded

### Blinding description

Researchers, nurses, and patients will be not aware of medication or placebo because they will be similar in appearance

### Placebo

Used

### Assignment

Parallel

### Other design features

## Secondary Ids

empty

## Ethics committees

### 1

#### Ethics committee

##### Name of ethics committee

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2020-10-24, 1399/08/03

#### Ethics committee reference number

IR.KMU.REC.1399.292

## Health conditions studied

### 1

#### Description of health condition studied

COVID-19

#### ICD-10 code

U07.1

#### ICD-10 code description

COVID-19, virus identified

## Primary outcomes

### 1

#### Description

Oxygen saturation

#### Timepoint

At the beginning (before the intervention) and 14 days after intervention

#### Method of measurement

Pulse Oximeter

### 2

#### Description

Respiratory Rate

#### Timepoint

At the beginning of the study (before the intervention) and 14 days after intervention

#### Method of measurement

Respiratory Count

### 3

**Description**

C-reactive protein

**Timepoint**

At the beginning of the study (before the intervention) , 7 days after the intervention, 14 days after intervention

**Method of measurement**

Venous blood test

### 4

**Description**

Lymphocytes

**Timepoint**

At the beginning of the study (before the intervention) and 14 days after intervention

**Method of measurement**

Venous blood test

## Secondary outcomes

### 1

**Description**

Headache

**Timepoint**

At the beginning of the study (before the intervention) and 14 days after the intervention

**Method of measurement**

Questionnaire

### 2

**Description**

Muscle pain

**Timepoint**

At the beginning of the study (before the intervention) and 14 days after the intervention

**Method of measurement**

Questionnaire

### 3

**Description**

Sore throat

**Timepoint**

At the beginning of the study (before the intervention) and 14 days after the intervention

**Method of measurement**

Questionnaire

### 4

**Description**

Anorexia

**Timepoint**

At the beginning of the study (before the intervention) and 14 days after the intervention

**Method of measurement**

Questionnaire

### 5

**Description**

Fatigue

**Timepoint**

At the beginning of the study (before the intervention)and 14 days after the intervention

**Method of measurement**

Questionnaire

### 6

**Description**

Cough

**Timepoint**

At the beginning of the study (before the intervention) and 14 days after the intervention

**Method of measurement**

Questionnaire

## Intervention groups

### 1

**Description**

Intervention group: The intervention group will receive two Dermaneh capsules of artemisinin 100 mg, two capsules (each containing 500 mg Dermaneh ) and two Dermaneh capsules (each containing 500 mg Afsantin) daily. Patients will be given daily capsules in packs containing 70capsules and we ask patients to take five capsules daily for 14 days.

**Category**

Treatment - Drugs

### 2

**Description**

Control group: The control group will receive placebo capsules daily. Patients will be given capsules in packs containing 84 capsules and we ask patients to take six capsules daily for 14 days.

**Category**

Treatment - Drugs

## Recruitment centers

### 1

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#### Grant name

#### Grant code / Reference number

#### Is the source of funding the same sponsor organization/entity?

No

#### Title of funding source

Vice Chancellor for Research and Technology of Kerman  
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#### 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)**

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**

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