

# Clinical Trial Protocol

## Iranian Registry of Clinical Trials

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### The effect of hydroalcoholic extract of *Nasturtium officinale* on level of vitamin C and E, protein carbonyl and inflammatory markers in chronic hemodialysis patients.

#### Protocol summary

##### Study aim

Determining the effect of hydroalcoholic extract of *Nasturtium officinale* on the levels of vitamins C and E, carbonyl protein and inflammatory markers in patients undergoing chronic hemodialysis

##### Design

A randomized controlled clinical trial with parallel, double-blind, randomized, phase 2 group on 70 patients used the random allocation rule.

##### Settings and conduct

Patients undergoing chronic hemodialysis referred to Shahid Beheshti Hospital in Yasuj are randomly divided into two groups by random allocation method. Patients in the intervention group (35 patients) receive watercress extract capsules and in the control group (35 patients) receive placebo (flour capsules) in the same form and amount. The treatment protocol in both groups is 500 mg capsules twice a day. Follow-up of patients is done every week during treatment and 8 weeks after the end of treatment. It should be noted that the patient and the researcher will not know about the assignment of groups and it is a double-blind study.

##### Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria; 18 years of age and older; Receive hemodialysis at least twice a week for about 3 months; Negative history of taking drugs that affect inflammatory markers such as corticosteroids and nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) in a recent month. Exclusion criteria: Causes unpredictable drug side effects; Patients who refused to cooperate and continue the study and received the drug for less than 4 weeks; Development of active infectious diseases, cirrhosis and congestive heart failure and malignancy during the study and the need for kidney transplantation; Malnutrition and cachexia (body mass index less than 18 kg / m<sup>2</sup>); Albumin less than 3

##### Intervention groups

Intervention group: hydroalcoholic extract of watercress

Control group: Capsules containing flour

##### Main outcome variables

Carbonyl protein IL-6 TNF- $\alpha$  Vitamin E Vitamin C

#### General information

##### Reason for update

##### Acronym

##### IRCT registration information

IRCT registration number: **IRCT20201228049866N1**

Registration date: **2021-01-06, 1399/10/17**

Registration timing: **prospective**

Last update: **2021-01-06, 1399/10/17**

Update count: **0**

##### Registration date

2021-01-06, 1399/10/17

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##### Recruitment status

**Recruitment complete**

##### Funding source

##### Expected recruitment start date

2021-01-20, 1399/11/01

##### Expected recruitment end date

2021-02-19, 1399/12/01

##### Actual recruitment start date

empty

**Actual recruitment end date**

empty

**Trial completion date**

empty

**Scientific title**

The effect of hydroalcoholic extract of Nasturtium officinale on level of vitamin C and E, protein carbonyl and inflammatory markers in chronic hemodialysis patients.

**Public title**

The effect of watercress on hemodialysis patients

**Purpose**

Treatment

**Inclusion/Exclusion criteria****Inclusion criteria:**

18 years of age and older Receive hemodialysis at least twice a week for about 3 months Negative history of taking drugs affecting inflammatory markers such as corticosteroids and nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) in a recent month Absence of active infectious diseases, malignant and other obvious inflammatory diseases No history of taking tonics and anti-inflammatory drugs

**Exclusion criteria:**

Causes unpredictable drug side effects Patients who refused to cooperate and continue the study and received the drug for less than 4 weeks Development of active infectious diseases, cirrhosis and congestive heart failure and malignancy during the study and the need for kidney transplantation Malnutrition and cachexia (body mass index less than 18 kg / m<sup>2</sup>) Albumin less than 3

**Age**

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

**Gender**

Both

**Phase**

3

**Groups that have been masked**

- Participant
- Investigator

**Sample size**

Target sample size: **75**

**Randomization (investigator's opinion)**

Randomized

**Randomization description**

In this study, we will use the Restricted randomization method of the randomization Random allocation rule method. For this purpose, first determine a total sample size, then randomly assign a set of them to the intervention group and the rest to the control group. 35 balls for the intervention group and 35 balls for the control group are placed in a lottery container and then the balls are randomly removed from the container without replacement and the created sequence is recorded.

**Blinding (investigator's opinion)**

Double blinded

**Blinding description**

Capsules are individually packed envelopes and have an

identification number. Capsules and envelopes of Nasturtium officinale extract and placebo are offered in exactly the same appearance and packaging, which will blind the participants and the researcher.

**Placebo**

Used

**Assignment**

Parallel

**Other design features**

Patients undergoing chronic hemodialysis referred to Shahid Beheshti Hospital in Yasouj are randomly divided into two groups (control group and intervention group) with a ratio of 1.1. The amount of 500 mg of hydroalcoholic extract of watercress and placebo is given daily to the intervention and control groups for 4 weeks, respectively. Patients' weight and height were measured by a nurse who was blind to the groups. In serum samples taken at the beginning and end of the dialysis session, serum levels of carbonyl protein, inflammatory markers, and vitamins E and C are determined.

**Secondary Ids**

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2019-11-02, 1398/08/11

**Ethics committee reference number**

IR.YUMS.REC.1398.112

**Health conditions studied****1****Description of health condition studied**

Patients undergoing chronic hemodialysis

**ICD-10 code**

Z49.31

**ICD-10 code description**

Encounter for adequacy testing for hemodialysis

**Primary outcomes**

## 1

### **Description**

Blood urea nitrogen

### **Timepoint**

0-28 days

### **Method of measurement**

Autoanalyzer

## 2

### **Description**

Triglyceride

### **Timepoint**

0-28 days

### **Method of measurement**

Autoanalyzer

## 3

### **Description**

Cholesterol

### **Timepoint**

0-28 days

### **Method of measurement**

Autoanalyzer

## **Secondary outcomes**

## 1

### **Description**

Protein carbonyl

### **Timepoint**

0-28 days

### **Method of measurement**

colorimetric

## 2

### **Description**

Interleukin 6

### **Timepoint**

0-28 days

### **Method of measurement**

Sandwich Enzyme-Linked ImmunoSorbent Assay

## 3

### **Description**

Tumor Necrosis Factor Alpha(TNF- $\alpha$ )

### **Timepoint**

0-28 days

### **Method of measurement**

Sandwich Enzyme-Linked ImmunoSorbent Assay

## 4

### **Description**

Vitamin E

### **Timepoint**

0-28 days

### **Method of measurement**

High-performance liquid

## 5

### **Description**

Vitamin C

### **Timepoint**

0-28 days

### **Method of measurement**

High-performance liquid

## **Intervention groups**

## 1

### **Description**

Intervention group: During a four weeks' period, the patients in intervention group take 500 mg hydroalcoholic extract of WC once a day and those in control group receive drug-like (capsule color, packing) containing 500 mg of white flour. Hydroalcoholic extract of WC dose select according to previous clinical and pharmacologic studies. At the end of each week, the patient's drug box control for confounding drugs. The patients check for WC side effects based on the dialysis frequency of at least three times a week. Patients monitor weekly for drug use for the assurance of clinical research, and they ask to bring the empty container.

### **Category**

Treatment - Other

## 2

### **Description**

Control group: Take a placebo of 500 mg daily for 4 weeks

### **Category**

N/A

## **Recruitment centers**

## 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**

Yasouj 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)**

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