Clinical Trial Protocol
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Comparison of the safety and efficacy of Fakhravac and Sinopharm SARS-CoV-2 vaccines, in adults aged 18 and over; a phase III randomized, non-inferiority clinical trial

Protocol summary

Study aim
Comparison of the safety and efficacy of Fakhravac and Sinopharm SARS-CoV-2 vaccines

Design
Randomized, double blind, controlled trial with parallel design on 41128 volunteers in 2 groups of 20564, double blind and randomized, using non-inferiority design.

Settings and conduct
1-SASAD Sports Complex, Shahid Fakhrizadeh Street, Sayad Shirazi Highway; 2-Mobile center

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria
Inclusion criteria: Age>18; Internet and smart mobile phone access; No current COVID-19 disease; No pregnancy; Signing the informed consent form; Exclusion criteria: Current acute or chronic symptomatic illness; Acute febrile illness; Lactation; Receiving COVID19 vaccine; Transfusion of any blood product or immunoglobulin; Long-term use of immunosuppressive drugs or systemic corticosteroids; Having cancer; Uncontrol serious psychiatric illnesses; Blood disorders; Continued use of anticoagulants; Current drug or alcohol abuse; Close contact with a person having confirmed COVID-19

Intervention groups
Intervention group: Two doses of Fakhravac vaccine in 3 wks interval; Control group: Two doses of Sinopharm vaccine

Main outcome variables
Primary: Occurrence of confirmed Covid-19 disease two weeks after second dose; Secondary: Occurrence of confirmed moderate or severe cases or death due to Covid-19 two weeks after the second dose; Occurrence of confirmed severe cases or death due to Covid-19 two weeks after the second dose; Abnormal vital signs and anaphylactic reactions immediately after vaccination; Local adverse events within the first week post-vaccination; Systemic adverse event within the first week post-vaccination; Serious Adverse Event/Reaction, Suspected Unexpected Serious Adverse Reaction, Medically Attended Adverse Events

General information

Reason for update
Addition of mobile centers; Addition of two non-random arms; Change in inclusion and exclusion criteria

Acronym

IRCT registration information
IRCT registration number: **IRCT20210206050259N3**
Registration date: **2021-08-29, 1400/06/07**
Registration timing: **prospective**

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Registration date
2021-08-29, 1400/06/07

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Recruitment status
Recruitment complete

Funding source

Expected recruitment start date
2021-09-01, 1400/06/10

Expected recruitment end date

2021-11-21, 1400/08/30

Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date

empty

Trial completion date

empty

Scientific title

Comparison of the safety and efficacy of Fakhravac and Sinopharm SARS-CoV-2 vaccines, in adults aged 18 and over; a phase III randomized, non-inferiority clinical trial

Public title

Comparison of the safety and efficacy of Fakhravac and Sinopharm SARS-CoV-2 vaccines, in adults aged 18 and over

Purpose

Prevention

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria:

Age > 18; Having Iranian citizenship; Internet and smart mobile access (him/herself or one of him/his family); Living in and around the city where the trial takes place; No current COVID-19 disease; No pregnancy; Using safe methods of contraception; Signing the informed consent form.

Exclusion criteria:

Current acute or chronic symptomatic illness that requires ongoing medical or surgical care; Acute febrile illness; Lactation; History of receiving COVID19 vaccine; History of transfusion of any blood product or immunoglobulin within the 3 months before the study; History of long-term use (14 successive days) of immunosuppressive drugs or systemic corticosteroids in the last 4 months leading up to the study; History of diagnosis or treatment for HIV; History of allergic diseases such as angioedema or anaphylactic reactions following the use of drugs, vaccines or food; History of diagnosis or treatment for cancer (except basal cell carcinoma and Insitu cervical cancer); History of uncontrolled serious psychiatric illnesses; History of blood disorders (Blood Dyscrasias, coagulation disorders, platelet deficiency, etc); Continued use of anticoagulants such as coumarin and related anticoagulants (such as warfarin) or new oral anticoagulants / antiplatelet agents. Note: Less than 325 mg of aspirin per day as prophylaxis is allowed.; Current drug or alcohol abuse (addiction); Close contact with a definite case of COVID-19 up to two weeks prior to the day of receiving the first dose; Chronic diseases that are not listed as exclusion criteria but are considered unstable within the last 4 weeks.

Age

From **18 years** old

Gender

Both

Phase

3

Groups that have been masked

- Participant
- Care provider
- Investigator
- Outcome assessor
- Data analyser
- Data and Safety Monitoring Board

Sample size

Target sample size: **41128**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)

Randomized

Randomization description

This study uses both randomized and non-randomized arms. Block randomization method with variable block sizes of 4 and 6 in STATA will be used to create the random sequence in randomized arms. For the purpose of concealment, a unique code will be assigned to each intervention the participants receive, and all subjects will be identified with this code until the end of the study (concealment code).

Blinding (investigator's opinion)

Double blinded

Blinding description

In this study, the control group will receive the Sinopharm vaccine, which has different packaging (volume and shape) compared to FakhraVac. Therefore, implementation of blinding will be done by a person who will be responsible for this. This is the only person who will not be blind to the intervention given. Once the participant becomes eligible to receive the vaccine, a concealment/randomization code will be assigned to the volunteer and the vaccine type will be displayed on the screen of the vaccinator until the inoculation is confirmed. Non-randomized arms that were added to the study later on, are not blind.

Placebo

Not used

Assignment

Parallel

Other design features

In addition to the randomized arms, two non-randomised and open label arms were added to the study. Participants will receive one of the FAKHRAVAC or Sinofarm vaccines by their own choice in these additional arms.

Secondary Ids

empty

Ethics committees

1

Ethics committee

Name of ethics committee

National Research Ethics committee

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Approval date

2021-08-24, 1400/06/02

Ethics committee reference number

IR.NREC.1400.006

Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied

Respiratory Distress Syndrome due to SARS-CoV-2

ICD-10 code

U07.1

ICD-10 code description

COVID-19, virus identified

Primary outcomes

1

Description

Occurrence of confirmed symptomatic Covid-19 disease two weeks after the second vaccine dose

Timepoint

Two weeks after the second dose of the vaccine up to 6 months

Method of measurement

Clinical assessments and PCR test

Secondary outcomes

1

Description

Occurrence of confirmed moderate, or severe illness or death due to Covid-19 infection two weeks after the second vaccine dose

Timepoint

Two weeks after the second vaccine dose up to 6 months

Method of measurement

Clinical assessments and PCR test

2

Description

Occurrence of confirmed severe cases or death due to Covid-19 infection two weeks after the second vaccine dose

Timepoint

Two weeks after the second vaccine dose up to 6 months

Method of measurement

Clinical assessments and PCR test

3

Description

Abnormal vital signs and anaphylactic reactions immediately after vaccination

Timepoint

In the first half an hour after each vaccine dose

Method of measurement

Temperature is measured using a digital thermometer. Respiratory rate will be counted by the research staff over one minute. Blood pressure and heart rate will be measured by a digital sphygmomanometer in a sitting position.

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Description

Local adverse events within the first week post-vaccination

Timepoint

For the first 6 days after each vaccine dose

Method of measurement

Record daily symptoms using a mobile phone application

5

Description

Systemic adverse event within the first week post-vaccination

Timepoint

For the first 6 days after each vaccine dose

Method of measurement

Record daily symptoms using a mobile phone application

6

Description

Serious Adverse Event/Reaction(SAEs) , Suspected Unexpected Serious Adverse Reaction (SUSARs), Medically Attended Adverse Events (MAAEs)

Timepoint

Up to six months after the last dose of the vaccine

Method of measurement

adverse events will be assessed monthly up to 6 months

Intervention groups

1

Description

Intervention group: Two doses of 10 micro gram vaccine injected in the deltoid muscle (IM) at 21 days interval

Category

Prevention

2

Description

Control group: Two doses of Sinopharm vaccine injected in the deltoid muscle (IM) at 21 days interval

Category

Prevention

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
Organization of Defensive Innovation and Research
Proportion provided by this source
100
Public or private sector
Public
Domestic or foreign origin
Domestic
Category of foreign source of funding
empty
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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

Not applicable

Title and more details about the data/document

Deidentified IPD on study outcomes could be shared.

When the data will become available and for how long

After completion of the study and publication of the results, data could be shared for 2 years

To whom data/document is available

Data is available only to members of academic institutions within joint projects with MILAD Daru Nour Co

Under which criteria data/document could be used

Proposal should be presented to MILAD Daru Nour Co. A scientific Advisory committee to MILAD Daru Nour Co should confirm necessity and scientific validity of the proposed joint project

From where data/document is obtainable

You can contact Ms Kousar Naderi at k.naderi@strc.ac.ir

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

Request for data will be made available within the approved joint projects

Comments