

Clinical Trial Protocol

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Comparison of the efficacy of oral Acetaminophen and oral Ibuprofen for treatment of preterm with patent ductus arteriosus

Protocol summary

The closure of the ductus arteriosus (complete, incomplete, unchanged)

Study aim

Comparison of the efficacy of oral Acetaminophen and oral Ibuprofen for treatment of preterm with patent ductus arteriosus

Design

A clinical trial with parallel groups, single-blinded, randomized (permuted block randomization), phase 3 on 60 newborns, using www.sealedenvelope.com for randomization

Settings and conduct

This interventional study will be conducted from April to Nov 2020. A total of 60 preterm neonates with diagnosis of PDA admitted in NICU of Akbar Abadi Hospital Tehran were selected. Neonates are randomly assigned to two groups. In the first intervention group, oral Acetaminophen is given every 8 hours at a dose of 15 mg/kg for 3 days. In the second intervention group, oral Ibuprofen every 8 hours at a dose of 10 mg/kg for 3 days.

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria: Parent's consent to participate in the study, Gestational age 26 to 37 weeks, Diagnosis of ductus arteriosus based on echocardiographic evidence at 24 to 72 hours after birth. Exclusion criteria: Premature newborn with fever and seizure, Life-threatening infections, Clinical or radiographic evidence of necrotizing enterocolitis Evidence of bleeding, Platelets less than 50,000 per ml Liver failure , Congenital brain-neurological disorders, Metabolic and genetic syndromes, Pulmonary hypoplasia syndrome, Congenital heart anomalies or other fatal abnormalities

Intervention groups

Total of 30 neonates in the first intervention group and 30 neonates in the second intervention group. In the first intervention group, oral Acetaminophen is taken every 8 hours at a dose of 15 mg/kg for 3 days. In the second intervention group, oral Ibuprofen is taken every 8 hours at a dose of 10 mg/kg for 3 days.

Main outcome variables

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

IRCT registration information

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

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Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date

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Trial completion date

empty

Scientific title

Comparison of the efficacy of oral Acetaminophen and oral Ibuprofen for treatment of preterm with patent ductus arteriosus

Public title

Comparison of the efficacy of oral Acetaminophen and oral Ibuprofen for treatment of preterm with patent ductus arteriosus

Purpose

Treatment

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria**Inclusion criteria:**

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Exclusion criteria:

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Age

From **1 day** old to **3 days** old

Gender

Both

Phase

3

Groups that have been masked

- Participant

Sample size

Target sample size: **60**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)

Randomized

Randomization description

In this study, the block randomization method is used with blocks of sizes 4 , 6 and 8. The website <https://www.sealedenvelope.com> is used to create a randomization list. The blocks are randomly selected using this website and given to a researcher who is not involved in choosing the type of drug. Each random chain generated contains a unique code for concealment. The drug regimen is placed in envelopes according to random chains, and after sealing it on the envelopes, the specific number created by the site is written and the envelopes are randomly placed in a box. a box.

Blinding (investigator's opinion)

Single blinded

Blinding description

This study is single-blinded and patients are unaware of the type of medication received. How to blind patients: Acetaminophen and Ibuprofen are both taken orally and given to infants 1-3 days old with a dropper.

Placebo

Not used

Assignment

Parallel

Other design features**Secondary Ids**

empty

Ethics committees**1****Ethics committee****Name of ethics committee**

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2021-04-12, 1400/01/23

Ethics committee reference number

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

Patent ductus arteriosus (PDA)

ICD-10 code

Q25.0

ICD-10 code description

Patent ductus arteriosus

Primary outcomes**1****Description**

PDA size

Timepoint

Before and after the intervention

Method of measurement

Echocardiography by pediatric's cardiologist .

Secondary outcomes

empty

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

Intervention group: Includes premature neonates with

PDA diagnosis by pediatric cardiologist. In this group, samples (n=30) received oral Acetaminophen at a dose of 15mg / kg every 8 hours for 3 days.

Category

Treatment - Drugs

2**Description**

Intervention group: Includes premature neonates with PDA diagnosis by pediatric cardiologist. In this group, samples (n=30) received oral Ibuprofen at a dose of 10mg / kg every 8 hours for 3 days.

Category

Treatment - Drugs

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Yes

Title of funding source

Iran 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

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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

Not applicable

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

Not applicable

Data Dictionary

Not applicable