

Clinical Trial Protocol

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Comparison of effects of acetaminophen and diclofenac received as a painkiller on the results of medical abortion with misoprostol in pregnant women

Protocol summary

Study aim

Comparison of effects of acetaminophen and diclofenac received as a painkiller on the results of medical abortion with misoprostol

Design

A clinical trial containing control group, with parallel groups, without blinding, randomized, phase 3 per 100 patients. Excel software rand function has been used for randomization.

Settings and conduct

First, consent will be received from the patients admitted to the hospital and the necessary explanations will be given to them. Then, at the time of the first usage of misoprostol, 500 mg of acetaminophen tablets for group 1 patients and 75 mg diclofenac tablets for group 2 patients will be given. Repeated doses of analgesia are given at 6 hours and 12 hours and then at 12-hour intervals for groups 1 and 2. Repeated doses are the same as the first dose. Body temperature, pulse, blood pressure and other symptoms are monitored every hour. Women are hospitalized and examined for 4 hours after abortion and before discharge. The VAS scale is used to measure the amount of pain and results will be recorded.

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria: All women candidates for abortion in the first trimester and the second trimester of pregnancy without risk factors. exclusion criteria: All women candidates for abortion in the first trimester and the second trimester of pregnancy with risk factors.

Intervention groups

Study Members are divided into two groups: 1_acetaminophen, 2_diclofenac. In the first group, acetaminophen tablets are given to each member and diclofenac tablets are given to each member in the second group.

Main outcome variables

Comparison of the effect of acetaminophen and

diclofenac on pain relief in women Which of the two drugs acetaminophen and diclofenac is more effective in controlling the patient's pain? Which of the two drugs has the least interaction with misoprostol?

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

IRCT registration information

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

Expected recruitment start date

2022-06-22, 1401/04/01

Expected recruitment end date

2022-08-22, 1401/05/31

Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date
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Trial completion date
empty

Scientific title
Comparison of effects of acetaminophen and diclofenac received as a painkiller on the results of medical abortion with misoprostol in pregnant women

Public title
Comparison of effects of acetaminophen and diclofenac received as a painkiller on the results of medical abortion with misoprostol

Purpose
Treatment

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria
Inclusion criteria:
All the pregnant women in first trimester and second trimester (confirmed by sonography) candidates to abortion.
Exclusion criteria:
Heart disease Hypertension Asthma Uncontrol Epileptic Seizure Allergy to Prostaglandin E1

Age
From **19 years** old

Gender
Female

Phase
3

Groups that have been masked
No information

Sample size
Target sample size: **100**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)
Randomized

Randomization description
Samples will be taken by simple random sampling. Then each member of the sample will be randomly assigned to one of the two subgroups:1- acetaminophen 2- diclofenac with computer software.

Blinding (investigator's opinion)
Not blinded

Blinding description

Placebo
Not used

Assignment
Parallel

Other design features

Secondary Ids

empty

Ethics committees

1

Ethics committee

Name of ethics committee

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2022-05-22, 1401/03/01

Ethics committee reference number
IR.MEDILAM.REC.1401.009

Health conditions studied

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Description of health condition studied

Medical Abortion

ICD-10 code

O02.1

ICD-10 code description

Missed abortion

Primary outcomes

1

Description

The effect of acetaminophen and diclofenac on the outcome and success of misoprostol abortion

Timepoint

The beginning and end of the medical abortion process

Method of measurement

View the abortion result at the end of the process

Secondary outcomes

1

Description

Comparison of the effects of acetaminophen and diclofenac on pain relief

Timepoint

At the beginning of the abortion process and four hours apart until the end of the abortion

Method of measurement

According to the numerical scale of pain rating

Intervention groups

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Description

Acetaminophen group: 500 mg acetaminophen tablets are prescribed for patients in this group. Repeated doses of analgesia are given at 6 hours and 12 hours and then at 12-hour intervals. Repeated doses are the same as the first dose.

Category

Treatment - Drugs

2**Description**

Diclofenac group: Diclofenac 75 mg tablets are prescribed for patients in this group. Repeated doses of analgesia are given at 6 hours and 12 hours and then at 12-hour intervals. Repeated doses are the same as the first dose.

Category

Treatment - Drugs

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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

Ilam University of Medical Sciences

Proportion provided by this source

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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