

Clinical Trial Protocol

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A study to compare the relative bioavailability of Maad and Merck tablet formulations of metformin 500 mg in 24 healthy adult volunteers under fasting conditions

Protocol summary

Study aim

The study aims to evaluate the bioequivalence of metformin 500 mg tablets produced by two different pharmaceutical companies under fasting conditions

Design

This randomized, single-dose, two-way, crossover study is conducted to compare the pharmacokinetics of metformin and Glucophage® tablets in 24 healthy adult volunteers. Volunteers will be sorted and receive a number from 1 to 24. In the first phase of the study, 12 volunteers will receive metformin manufactured by Maad and the remaining 12 volunteers will receive Glucophage® produced by Merck company. The administered drugs will be replaced to another group in the second phase of the study.

Settings and conduct

The dose administration and subsequent sample collection will be performed in Motahhari hospital (Gonbade Kavous, Iran).

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria: aged 18-55 years; subject available for the entire study period; willingness to adhere to protocol requirements as evidenced by written informed consent; good health at screening. Exclusion criteria: History of use of any drug; hypersensitivity or intolerance; significant history or current evidence of chronic disease; receipt of any drug as part of a research study within 30 days prior to the present study.

Intervention groups

First intervention group: A single 500 mg oral dose of metformin (1 tablet) manufactured by Maad company to 12 subjects. Second intervention group: A single 500 mg oral dose of Glucophage (1 tablet) manufactured by Merck company to 12 subjects. Since in this study, the volunteers will receive both test and reference drugs, each volunteer will act as his own control.

Main outcome variables

Maximum plasma drug concentration; Area under the plasma drug concentration-time curve

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

IRCT registration information

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Registrant information

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

Expected recruitment start date

2022-08-23, 1401/06/01

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2023-08-23, 1402/06/01

Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date

empty

Trial completion date

empty

Scientific title

A study to compare the relative bioavailability of Maad and Merck tablet formulations of metformin 500 mg in 24 healthy adult volunteers under fasting conditions

Public title

Bioequivalence study of metformin 500 mg tablets

Purpose

Basic science

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria**Inclusion criteria:**

18-55 years of age. The subject is able and willing to provide signed informed consent. The subject is available for the entire study period. Willing to adhere to protocol requirements as evidenced by written informed consent. The subject has a stable residence and telephone. Good health as determined by lack of clinically significant abnormalities in health assessments performed at screening.

Exclusion criteria:

History of allergy or sensitivity to metformin. History of any drug hypersensitivity or intolerance which, in the opinion of the investigator, would compromise the safety of the subject of the study. Significant history or current evidence of chronic infectious disease, system disorder or organ dysfunction. Presence of gastrointestinal disease or history of malabsorption within the last year. History of a medical disorders occurring within the last year that required hospitalization or medication. Use of pharmacologic agents known to significantly induce or inhibit drug-metabolizing enzymes within 30 days prior to dosing. Receipt of any drug as part of a research study within 30 days prior to the present study. Donation or significant loss of whole blood (480 ml or more) within 30 days prior to the present study.

Age

From **18 years** old to **55 years** old

Gender

Both

Phase

Bioequivalence

Groups that have been masked

No information

Sample size

Target sample size: **24**

More than 1 sample in each individual

Number of samples in each individual: **2**

In a crossover design, each person is its own control and receives two different interventions

Randomization (investigator's opinion)

Randomized

Randomization description

A pot sampling method will be used in this study. 12 papers are labeled "Reference Product" and 12 papers are written as "Test Product". The papers are then placed in sealed envelopes, and participants randomly select a paper and will be placed in the Reference or Test groups.

Blinding (investigator's opinion)

Not blinded

Blinding description**Placebo**

Not used

Assignment

Crossover

Other design features**Secondary Ids**

empty

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

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2022-06-12, 1401/03/22

Ethics committee reference number

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Health conditions studied**1****Description of health condition studied****ICD-10 code****ICD-10 code description****Primary outcomes****1****Description**

Maximum plasma drug concentration

Timepoint

At time zero and 1, 1.5, 2, 2.5, 3, 3.5, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 24 h after drug administration

Method of measurement

Blood sampling and measurement of drug concentrations by high-performance liquid chromatography

2**Description**

Area under the plasma drug concentration-time curve

Timepoint

At time zero and 1, 1.5, 2, 2.5, 3, 3.5, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12

and 24 h after drug administration

Method of measurement

Blood sampling and measurement of drug concentrations by high-performance liquid chromatography

Secondary outcomes

1

Description

Plasma half-life

Timepoint

From the terminal 16 hours of plasma concentration-time profile

Method of measurement

Blood sampling and drug analysis by high-performance liquid chromatography method

Intervention groups

1

Description

Intervention group: Oral administration of a single 500 mg dose of metformin (1 tablet) manufactured by Maad to healthy volunteers under fasting conditions in the morning of the experiment day

Category

Treatment - Drugs

2

Description

Intervention group: Oral administration of a single 500 mg dose of Glucophage (1 tablet) manufactured by Merck to healthy volunteers under fasting conditions in the morning of the experiment day

Category

Treatment - Drugs

Recruitment centers

1

Recruitment center

Name of recruitment center

Dialysis Center, S. Motahhari Hospital

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Sponsors / Funding sources

1

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Grant name

Bioequivalence Study of Metformin

Grant code / Reference number

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

No

Title of funding source

Maad

Proportion provided by this source

100

Public or private sector

Private

Domestic or foreign origin

Domestic

Category of foreign source of funding

empty

Country of origin

Type of organization providing the funding

Industry

Person responsible for general inquiries

Contact

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Sharing plan**Deidentified Individual Participant Data Set (IPD)**

No - There is not a plan to make this available

Justification/reason for indecision/not sharing IPD

Data are confidential and need permission from the company.

Study Protocol

No - There is not a plan to make this available

Statistical Analysis Plan

No - There is not a plan to make this available

Informed Consent Form

No - There is not a plan to make this available

Clinical Study Report

No - There is not a plan to make this available

Analytic Code

No - There is not a plan to make this available

Data Dictionary

No - There is not a plan to make this available