

Clinical Trial Protocol

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Comparison of the Effectiveness of Methyl Prednisolone Acetate Injection at the Jianqian Acupoint versus Oral Piroxicam in Reducing Pain and Improving Function in patients with Non Specific Shoulder Pain

Protocol summary

Study aim

Comparison of the effect of Methyl Prednisolone Acetate injection at the Jianqian acupoint versus oral Piroxicam in reducing pain and improving function in patients with non specific shoulder pain

Design

Study of a clinical trial with a control group, with parallel groups, double-blinded, randomized on 58 patients. There is no trial phase. Permutation block is used for randomization.

Settings and conduct

The samples are selected from patients with non-specific shoulder pain referred to Imam Reza Clinic and Rajaei Hospital and divided into two groups. Blocked random method is used and the study begins after obtaining informed consent. We give oral Piroxicam for control group and inject Methyl Prednisolone acetate at the Jianqian acupoint for the intervention group. Finally effect on pain reduction, functional improvement and range of motion of shoulder are measured.

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria: Non-specific shoulder pain lasted more than 6 weeks with active movement restriction in at least one plane Exclusion criteria: Any infection and inflammation, Acute trauma, Fractures, Dislocations, History of allergy to drugs, Any contraindications for the used drugs, Pregnant, Lactating, Malignancy, History of injection or physical therapy in the past month, Active rheumatism, Uncontrolled hypertension, Diabetes Mellitus

Intervention groups

Intervention Group: A mixture of 40 mg Methyl Prednisolone Acetat and 4 cc Lidocaine 2% is injected at Jianqian acupoint. Control Group: This group takes 10mg Piroxicam capsules twice daily for 2 weeks.

Main outcome variables

Pain; Range of motion of shoulder; Function of patient

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

IRCT registration information

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

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Scientific title

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Public title

Effect of Methyl Prednisolone Acetate injection at the Jianqian Acupoint in Patients with Non Specific Shoulder Pain

Purpose

Treatment

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria**Inclusion criteria:**

Patients over 18 years old Non-specific shoulder pain lasted more than 6 weeks Limitation of active range of motion in at least one plane Absence of any disease around the affected shoulder Completing and signing the informed consent

Exclusion criteria:

Any systemic or local infection Acute trauma Fracture or Dislocation Malignancy Liver or Renal failure Gastrointestinal disease, Cardiovascular disease, Asthma, DM, uncontrolled HTN History of injection or physical therapy during the last month Clinical symptoms of inflammation or infection Severe deformity of shoulder Any bleeding tendency disorders or use of anti coagulants Active rheumatologic disease Post stroke shoulder pain History of allergic reactions to the used drugs Pregnant or Lactating women Inability to communicate and completing questionnaires

Age

From **18 years** old

Gender

Both

Phase

N/A

Groups that have been masked

- Care provider
- Outcome assessor
- Data analyser

Sample size

Target sample size: **58**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)

Randomized

Randomization description

The random allocation method in this study will be permutation block method in such a way that A represents the person for whom injection is done and B represents the person who receives oral Piroxicam. This method is based on blocks of six so that the total number of possible permutations of six is equal to 6 (including: ABAB, BABA, AABB, BBAA, ABBA and BAAB). Then, by using the table of random numbers and assigning a code from 0 to 9 to each of the permutations, the desired random list of 60 items, which includes 15 blocks of 4 items (total number of samples = 60 x 15) is generated and the order of assigning each One of the methods is specified for each of the samples participating in the study.

Blinding (investigator's opinion)

Double blinded

Blinding description

Participant: In this study, we do not have the ability to blind the patient because the patients are aware of the type of intervention. Clinical caregiver: We train the person who is in charge of the care and follow-up of patients how to complete the questionnaire. This person has no awareness of the patient's intervention.

Researcher: In this study, we do not have the ability to blind the researcher because the intervention is carried out by him. Outcome assessor: Completed questionnaires are given to a person who does not know about the interventions and he is asked to determine the amount of pain reduction and performance improvement in each person according to the questionnaire. Data Analyzer: Finally, after completing and collecting all the information, the questionnaires are given to a person to check the information, who does not know about any of the work steps and how the intervention is divided.

Placebo

Not used

Assignment

Parallel

Other design features**Secondary Ids**

empty

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

Non Specific Shoulder Pain

ICD-10 code

M25.519

ICD-10 code description

Pain in unspecified shoulder

Primary outcomes

1

Description

Shoulder pain

Timepoint

Before intervention and two, four and eight weeks after intervention

Method of measurement

Visual Analog Scale and Oxford Shoulder Score questionnaires

2

Description

Range of motion of shoulder

Timepoint

Before intervention and two, four and eight weeks after intervention

Method of measurement

By goniometer, which is a device for measuring angles, the one that is used in this study is a plastic type with 360 degree rotation and an arm length of 30 cm.

Secondary outcomes

1

Description

Function of patient

Timepoint

Before intervention and two, four and eight weeks after intervention

Method of measurement

Shoulder Pain And Disability Index and Oxford Shoulder Scale questionnaires

Intervention groups

1

Description

Intervention group: At the Jianqian acupoint, which is between the axillary fold and the LI-15 acupoint (under the acromion), we inject a mixture of 40 mg of Methyl Prednisolone Acetate and 4 ml of Lidocaine2% in 5 directions in such a way that First, we insert the needle perpendicularly about 1.5 to 2 cm on the joint surface and outside the capsule and inject 1 cc of the substance, then without removing the needle, by changing the direction angle to 40 degrees to the vertical line , at upward ,downward and outside , we inject one cc on each side. At the inside, we enter at an angle of 10 degrees to the perpendicular line close to the joint capsule, and we are careful not to enter the pleura, and the injection is done. During the injection, we pay attention to the patient's reactions so as not to enter the blood vessels and nerves.

Category

Rehabilitation

2

Description

Control group: They take 10 mg Piroxicam capsules twice daily after meal and with enough water.

Category

Rehabilitation

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Is the source of funding the same sponsor organization/entity?
No
Title of funding source
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Proportion provided by this source
100
Public or private sector
Public
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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

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

Title and more details about the data/document

All data can be shared after making people unidentifiable.

When the data will become available and for how long

Start access period one year after publishing the results.

To whom data/document is available

Everyone can access to this information.

Under which criteria data/document could be used

If the information in this study helps to improve the science process.

From where data/document is obtainable

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

After sending the desired message, all authors of the study will be consulted, all information will be sent within a maximum of three weeks if permitted.

Comments