

Clinical Trial Protocol

Iranian Registry of Clinical Trials

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Study of methotrexate with phototherapy on vitiligo patients in comparison with phototherapy alone.

Protocol summary

Study aim

Determination of oral methotrexate and phototherapy effect on vitiligo in comparison with phototherapy alone.

Design

Two arm parallel group randomized trial. Double blinded

Settings and conduct

The vitiligo patents of Razi hospital who were candidate for phototherapy were randomly divided in two groups. One group of patients received placebo with phototherapy for three times a week another group of patents received methotrexate and phototherapy. None of patients and researchers know about allocation.

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Older than 18 y/o Patients who are candidate for phototherapy. Vitiligo disease activity more than one. Patients who don't have receive immunosuppressive treatment in the six past month.

Intervention groups

Patients were divided into two groups. control group received placebo and phototherapy three times a week. Phototherapy was done using 12 lamps emitting ultraviolet beam with wavelengths between 310 -315 nanometers. another group of patients receive 12.5 milligrams methotrexate weekly and phototherapy three times a week. UV eye glasses were used to protect eyes. Intervention group received phototherapy three times a week and 12.5 mg methotrexate weekly. Patients consume Five 2.5 mg methotrexate tablets on Fridays and one acid folic tablet on sundays.

Main outcome variables

Treatment Systemic disease Vitiligo Area Scoring Index
Vitiligo Disease Activity

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

IRCT registration information

IRCT registration number: **IRCT20221013056158N1**

Registration date: **2022-12-11, 1401/09/20**

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

Expected recruitment start date

2021-03-21, 1400/01/01

Expected recruitment end date

2023-03-20, 1401/12/29

Actual recruitment start date

2021-03-21, 1400/01/01

Actual recruitment end date

2022-03-21, 1401/01/01

Trial completion date

2022-03-21, 1401/01/01

Scientific title

Study of methotrexate with phototherapy on vitiligo patients in comparison with phototherapy alone.

Public title

Study of combined methotrexate and phototherapy in vitiligo.

Purpose

Treatment

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria:

Known case of vitiligo No systemic or local immunosuppressive treatment in past 6 months Vitiligo disease activity more than one Candidates for phototherapy

Exclusion criteria:

Age

From **18 years** old

Gender

Both

Phase

3

Groups that have been masked

- Participant
- Investigator

Sample size

Target sample size: **42**

Actual sample size reached: **42**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)

Randomized

Randomization description

Simple randomization was used in this study. In this method simple randomization models like tossing a coin, using randomized number tables or computerized methods of randomization is used. In this method each case is allocated in one group (control or intervention) by tossing a coin for example. Some advantages of this method are unpredictability of treatment used for each case. Implementing of this method is simple. Randomization unit of this study is each case.

Randomizer software was used for randomization. This software gives us the ability to choose a desired method of randomization among several others. Randomization sequence was created using randomizer software. The sequence was created asking the software to divide 42 cases into two groups of 21 equally. The software allocated each case to control or intervention group randomly. Central allocation concealment was used in this study. In this method randomization sequence is within a central group other than researchers. Researchers make contact to the central group in order to ask next case allocated group according to the sequence.

Blinding (investigator's opinion)

Double blinded

Blinding description

The researcher did not know which group got methotrexate and which group got placebo. Patients did not know what kind of treatment they received. Placebo and methotrexate were given to patients by third person.

Placebo

Used

Assignment

Other

Other design features

Secondary Ids

empty

Ethics committees

1

Ethics committee

Name of ethics committee

Ethics committee of Tehran University of Medical Sciences

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2022-02-16, 1400/11/27

Ethics committee reference number

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Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied

Vitiligo

ICD-10 code

ICD-10 code description

Primary outcomes

1

Description

Severity of vitiligo disease

Timepoint

Before treatment, after 2 months, 4 months and 6 months of treatment.

Method of measurement

Vitiligo Area Scoring Index

2

Description

Vitiligo activity

Timepoint

Before treatment then after 2 months, 4 months and 6 months of treatment.

Method of measurement

Vitiligo Disease Activity Scorings

Secondary outcomes

empty

Intervention groups

1

Description

Intervention group: Vitiligo patients in this group received phototherapy twice a week and oral methotrexate 12/5 milligrams in a week.

Category

Treatment - Drugs

2

Description

Control group: Vitiligo patients in this group received phototherapy twice a week and placebo.

Category

Placebo

Recruitment centers

1

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Name of recruitment center

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Grant code / Reference number

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

Yes

Title of funding source

Tehran 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

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Country of origin

Type of organization providing the funding

Academic

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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

Individual data of cases will be publish. Variables include age, sex, past medical history, received treatment.

When the data will become available and for how long

6 months after publish.

To whom data/document is available

Researchers of scientific centers and universities.

Under which criteria data/document could be used

University professor and researchers can have access to data for research purposes. Systematic review analyses can be performed on the data.

From where data/document is obtainable

Researchers can ask to receive data through email address hoseini9020@yahoo.com.

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

Researchers who want to receive data must send his or her scientific resume. After assessment we will reply in one week.

Comments