

Clinical Trial Protocol

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Evaluation of efficacy of treatment with lisdexamphetamine (vyas) in comparison with extended release methylphenidate (sandoz) on improving the quality of life and executive function of adults with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder : an open-label randomized clinical trial

Protocol summary

Study aim

comparing the therapeutic effects and side effects of treatment with lisdexamfetamine (Vyas®) versus sustained release methylphenidate (Sandoz) on improving the quality of life and executive function of adults with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder

Design

This study is an open label randomized clinical trial phase 2, 3 on 56 patients, which prospectively investigates and compares the therapeutic effects and side effects caused by treatment with lisdexamfetamine versus methylphenidate sustained release. Improving the quality of life and executive functioning of adults with ADHD. Patients are randomly divided into two treatment groups, lisdexamfetamine or methylphenidate, based on the unlimited randomization method.

Settings and conduct

Patients referred to Rozbeh hospital, who were diagnosed with DIVA-5 test and based on DSM-5 criteria, were randomly assigned with informed consent and based on unlimited randomization method, equally to two treatment groups. One of the two drugs is prescribed to the patient based on availability

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria: Age more than 16 years Diagnosis of adult ADHD based on DSM-5 Diagnosis of adult ADHD based on DIVA-5 Exclusion criteria: Use of Alcohol and other substances History of Bipolar or psychotic disorders Other psychiatric disorders such as MDD or Autism spectrum disorder Pregnancy or Lactation hypersensitivity to drugs used in this study Neurologic disorders or severe Hepatic or Renal disease Dependency to drugs ex. Benzodiazepines MDMA and other substances History of not responding to stimulants

Use of any other drug with effects on CNS

Intervention groups

Two intervention groups where adults with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder who are randomly treated with one of the two drugs are studied.

Main outcome variables

Improvement in the quality of life. Improvement in executive functioning

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

IRCT registration information

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

Expected recruitment start date

2022-10-30, 1401/08/08

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Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date

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Trial completion date

empty

Scientific title

Evaluation of efficacy of treatment with lisdexamphetamine (vyas) in comparison with extended release methylphenidate (sandoz) on improving the quality of life and executive function of adults with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder : an open-label randomized clinical trial

Public title

Comparison of lisdexamphetamine and and methylphenidate in adult ADHD

Purpose

Treatment

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria:

Age more than 16 years
Diagnosis of adult attention deficit hyperactive disorder based on DSM-5
Diagnosis of adult attention deficit hyperactive disorder based on DIVA-5

Exclusion criteria:

Alcohol and other substance use
History of Bipolar or psychotic disorders
Other psychiatric disorders such as MDD or Autism spectrum disorder
Pregnancy or Lactation
hypersensitivity to drugs used in this study
Neurologic disorders or severe Hepatic or Renal disease
BMI less than 18
Dependency to drugs ex. Benzodiazepines
MDMA and other substances
History of not responding to stimulants
Use of any other drug with effects on CNS

Age

From **16 years** old

Gender

Both

Phase

2-3

Groups that have been masked

No information

Sample size

Target sample size: **56**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)

Randomized

Randomization description

Sampling is based on simple randomization method. Foremost, it is agreed that odd numbers will be given to intervention group A (Dex amphetamine treatment) and even numbers will be given to intervention group B (Methylphenidate treatment). Then, according to the number of the studied sample, random numbers or relevant numbers are extracted from the table, each number is written on a card and placed in an envelope,

the envelopes are sealed, and the patient's number is written on each envelope. The first patient who is enrolled in the study will be given the envelope number 1, patient number 2, envelope number 2 and so on, this will continue until the end of the study sampling. In order to maintain randomization, the person who prepares the envelopes is different from the main researcher who registers the patients and provides the envelopes to the patients.

Blinding (investigator's opinion)

Not blinded

Blinding description

Placebo

Not used

Assignment

Parallel

Other design features

Secondary Ids

empty

Ethics committees

1

Ethics committee

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Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied

ADULT ADHD

ICD-10 code

F90

ICD-10 code description

Attention-deficit hyperactivity disorders

Primary outcomes

1

Description

Primary outcome measure includes changes in scores of BDEFS and WHOQOL scores from the beginning to the

end of study.

Timepoint

before intervention then 2,4,8 weeks after intervention

Method of measurement

Questioner of Barkley deficits in executive functioning scale for adults , WHO Questioner of quality of life , Clinical global impression GCI Questioner.

Secondary outcomes

empty

Intervention groups

1

Description

The first group that receives Lisdexamfetamine (Vyas) for the treatment of ADHD, which will be continued for 8 weeks for each patient. The low dose of drug will start based on the interview and the patient's condition, and the dose will gradually increase according to the patient's symptoms and drug side effects. The optimal dose is 50 mg daily.

Category

Treatment - Drugs

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Description

The second group that receives sustained release Methylphenidate (Sandoz) for the treatment of ADHD, which will be continued for 8 weeks for each patient. The low dose of drug will start based on the interview and the patient's condition, and the dose will gradually increase according to the patient's symptoms and drug side effects. The optimal dose is 54 mg daily.

Category

Treatment - Drugs

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1

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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

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

empty

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

No - There is not a plan to make this available

Data Dictionary

No - There is not a plan to make this available

Title and more details about the data/document

All data is potentially shareable after de-identifying individuals

When the data will become available and for how long

The access period starts 6 months after the results are published

To whom data/document is available

Researchers working in academic and scientific institutions

Under which criteria data/document could be used

The use in other scientific researches is unimpeded by observing the publication rules and mentioning the source

From where data/document is obtainable

Application by email to the clinical trial registrar

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

After making sure that the data will be clearly used in other scientific researches with reference to the source, it will be delivered to the researcher

Comments