

Clinical Trial Protocol

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Comparison between the efficacy of ultrasound-guided dextrose 25% hypertonic prolotherapy and intraarticular normal saline injection on pain, functional limitation and range of motion; in knee osteoarthritis patients

Protocol summary

Study aim

Comparison of the effect of 25% hypertonic dextrose prolotherapy injection under ultrasound guidance with intra-articular injection of normal saline under ultrasound guidance in patients with chronic knee pain referred to Shiraz medical science training centers in improving pain and function and knee range of motion

Design

double-blind randomized clinical trial with a control group

Settings and conduct

The patient select from emam reza clinic and rajaee hospital who has knee OA. then patient divided into two groups and after obtaining written consent the study begins. in intervention group hypertonic dextrose is injected and in control group normalsaline is injected then we measure its effect on reducing pain and improving patient function and knee range of motion

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

The entry conditions include the age of the patients, patients 55-75 years old with pain or limitation of the range of motion of the knee for more than three months. Gender: male or female. Anterolateral knee x-ray taken in the last 3 months while standing. exclusion conditions: patients with inflammatory diseases and vascular collagen such as lupus and suspicion of knee infection, patients with coagulation disorders, patients with active lumbosacral radiculopathy and severe deformity of the spine and lower limbs, nervous system disorders, being pregnant, diabetes, A history of surgery on the knee, injection CS in the last two months, or intra-articular injection of hyaluronic acid in the last 12 months, or replacement of the knee joint, use of opioid drugs, body mass index above 40 should not be included in the study.

Intervention groups

Intervention group: The group that received 25%

dextrose medicine intra-articularly in the knee. Control group: The group that receives normal saline intra-articularly.

Main outcome variables

Pain, Activity of daily living, knee range of motion

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

IRCT registration information

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

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empty

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Scientific title

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Public title

Comparison between the efficacy of ultrasound-guided dextrose 25% hypertonic prolotherapy and intraarticular normal saline injection on pain, functional limitation and range of motion; in knee osteoarthritis patients

Purpose

Treatment

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria**Inclusion criteria:**

Inclusion criteria: aged 55 to 75 years; both genders; knee radiography anterior standing view have been for the last one month; have symptoms of osteoarthritis include pain, limitation in knee range of motion, and knee joint dryness for at least a month without any extra-articular involvement.

Exclusion criteria:

Inflammatory and vascular collagen diseases such as lupus and suspected knee infection, patients with coagulation disorders, patients with active lumbosacral radiculopathy and severe deformity of the spine and lower limbs, peripheral and central nervous system disorders, pregnancy, diabetes, history of surgery on the knee, injection of steroid drugs in the last two months or intra-articular injection of hyaluronic acid in the last 12 months or replacement of the knee joint, use of opioid drugs, body mass index over 40

Age

From **55 years** old to **75 years** old

Gender

Both

Phase

N/A

Groups that have been masked

- Participant
- Outcome assessor
- Data analyser

Sample size

Target sample size: **50**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)

Randomized

Randomization description

To match patients in the intervention and control groups, patients are randomly assigned to one of two treatment groups. The random allocation method in this study will be the permutation blocks randomization method with 4 samples in each block and a random list of data will be

obtained by using Random Allocation software. We will have two lists of 25 patients, including the two intervention and control groups, at random. For concealment, method of random sequencing is given to another person who is unaware of the research process, and the questionnaires are completed by a person unaware of the division of groups

Blinding (investigator's opinion)

Double blinded

Blinding description

Participant: The participant is explained that if they are interested, they can join our research project. Two methods used to reduce patient pain input study are explained to the patient. Benefits and possible complications of both methods are described to the patient and the patient is told to randomly fall into one of the intervention groups. If the patient is accepted to admit the study, by random allocation software, the patient falls into one of two groups. **Clinical caregiver:** We teach the caregiver how to complete the questionnaire. This person is not aware of receiving patient intervention. **Researcher:** In this study does not have the ability to blind the researcher because the researcher performs both intervention himself and is aware of receiving each intervention in the group. The outcome assessor of the complete questionnaires is given to a person who is not aware of the interventions performed and he/she is asked to determine the level of performance in each person according to the questionnaires. **Data analyzer:** Questionnaire are finally given to a person to review the information. This person doesn't know any of the steps of the work, how to classify and the intervention performed.

Placebo

Not used

Assignment

Parallel

Other design features**Secondary IDs**

empty

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

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

knee osteoarthritis

ICD-10 code

M17

ICD-10 code description

Osteoarthritis of knee

Primary outcomes**1****Description**

Pain scale

Timepoint

Just before the intervention & 2,4,8 weeks later.

Method of measurement

Visual Analogue Scale, Western Ontario and McMaster Universities Arthritis Index (WOMAC)

2**Description**

Knee flexion degree

Timepoint

Just before the intervention & 2,4,8 weeks later.

Method of measurement

goniometry

Secondary outcomes**1****Description**

functional limitation

Timepoint

Just before the intervention & 2,4,8 weeks later.

Method of measurement

Oxford knee score and Western Ontario and McMaster Universities Arthritis Index (WOMAC)

Intervention groups**1****Description**

Intervention group: The group that received 25% dextrose hyper-tonic intra-articularly under ultrasound guidance.

Category

Treatment - Drugs

2**Description**

Control group: The group that received normal saline intra-articularly under ultrasound guidance.

Category

Treatment - Drugs

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Yes
Title of funding source
Shiraz University of Medical Sciences
Proportion provided by this source
100
Public or private sector
Public
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Category of foreign source of funding
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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 available 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