

Clinical Trial Protocol

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Evaluation of the role of *Helicobacter pylori* eradication in patients with non-alcoholic fatty liver disease on non-invasive criteria for liver fibrosis including FIB_4, NFS, BARD score

Protocol summary

Study aim

Determining the relationship between *Helicobacter pylori* eradication in patients with non-alcoholic fatty liver disease and FIB_4 NFS, BARD score

Design

Clinical trial without control group, without blinding, without randomization, phase 2 on 150 patients.

Settings and conduct

Patients with non-alcoholic fatty liver disease who referred to Tabriz Imam Reza Hospital clinic were selected based on the inclusion/exclusion criteria mentioned in other parts and with informed consent, *Helicobacter pylori* fecal antigen will be requested and if the antigen was positive We enter to the study and after obtaining sufficient information and relevant tests, the exact score of liver fibrosis is calculated based on the non-invasive criteria of liver fibrosis, and then *Helicobacter pylori* is eradicated with a 4-drug regimen, and again 6 months after the treatment, the exact score We calculate the non-invasive parameters of the liver and compare and check with the previous state.

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

1. Inclusion criteria: Patients with non-alcoholic fatty liver disease who are more than 18 years old and less than 65 years old 2. Exclusion criteria: alcoholics, under 18 years old, over 65 years old, people who have recently taken antibiotics or proton pump inhibitors, are excluded from the study.

Intervention groups

The intervention group includes patients with non-alcoholic fatty liver disease who receive *Helicobacter pylori* treatment intervention.

Main outcome variables

The NFS criterion ; The BARD score ; FIB-4 criteria

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

IRCT registration information

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

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2023-09-21, 1402/06/30

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Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date

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Trial completion date

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Scientific title

Evaluation of the role of Helicobacter pylori eradication in patients with non-alcoholic fatty liver disease on non-invasive criteria for liver fibrosis including FIB_4, NFS, BARD score

Public title

Evaluation of the role of Helicobacter pylori eradication in patients with non-alcoholic fatty liver disease

Purpose

Treatment

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria:

Patients with non-alcoholic fatty liver disease who are more than 18 years old and less than 65 years old
Patients whom despite full adherence to diet and lifestyle modification and appropriate physical activity for 6 months, There were no changes in the degree of fatty liver and liver enzymes and non-invasive measures of liver fibrosis

Exclusion criteria:

People who have a history of alcohol consumption
People who have recently taken antibiotics
People who have recently taken proton pump inhibitors

Age

From **18 years** old to **65 years** old

Gender

Both

Phase

2

Groups that have been masked

No information

Sample size

Target sample size: **32**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)

N/A

Randomization description

Blinding (investigator's opinion)

Not blinded

Blinding description

Placebo

Not used

Assignment

Single

Other design features

Secondary Ids

empty

Ethics committees

1

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Name of ethics committee

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2021-06-28, 1400/04/07

Ethics committee reference number

IR.TBZMED.REC.1401.291

Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied

Non-alcoholic fatty liver

ICD-10 code

K75.8

ICD-10 code description

Other specified inflammatory liver diseases

Primary outcomes

1

Description

BARD score as a non-invasive criteria of liver fibrosis

Timepoint

The exact calculation of BARD score will be done two times (one time at the beginning, before the start of the intervention and the other 6 months after the eradication of Helicobacter pylori).

Method of measurement

calculation of score of non-invasive liver fibrosis criteria
BARD score

2

Description

NFS score as a non-invasive criteria of liver fibrosis

Timepoint

The exact calculation of NFS will be done two times (one time at the beginning, before the start of the intervention and the other 6 months after the eradication of Helicobacter pylori).

Method of measurement

calculation of score of non-invasive liver fibrosis criteria
NFS

3

Description

FIB_4 score as a non-invasive criteria of liver fibrosis

Timepoint

The exact calculation of FIB_4 will be done two times (one time at the beginning, before the start of the intervention and the other 6 months after the eradication of Helicobacter pylori).

Method of measurement

calculation of score of non-invasive liver fibrosis criteria
FIB_4

Secondary outcomes

empty

Intervention groups

1

Description

Intervention group: The People entered according to the entry and exit criteria, the level of body enzymes, the number of platelet, blood sugar were tested and with the help of age, height and weight, liver fibrosis scores (BARD score, NFS score, FIB-4) were determined and then will be treated with a four-drug regimen of Helicobacter pylori with metronidazole(Flagyl®) 400mg three times a day, bismuth(Bismuthan®) 220mg twice a day, amoxicillin(Amorax®) 1g three times a day and pentaprazole(Panzol®) 40mg once a day for 2 weeks and then 6 months After liver fibrosis scores (BARD score, NFS score, FIB-4) using body enzyme level tests, blood platelet count, blood sugar, age, height and weight will be calculated and compared with the previous score.

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?

No

Title of funding source

Tabriz 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)

Undecided - It is not yet known if there will be a plan to make this available

Study Protocol

Undecided - It is not yet known if there will be a plan to make this available

Statistical Analysis Plan

Undecided - It is not yet known if there will be a plan to make this available

Informed Consent Form

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

Clinical Study Report

Undecided - It is not yet known if there will be a plan to make this available

Analytic Code

Undecided - It is not yet known if there will be a plan to make this available

Data Dictionary

Undecided - It is not yet known if there will be a plan to make this available

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