

Clinical Trial Protocol

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Investigating the effect of pelvic floor biofeedback on pain and quality of life of patients with chronic coccydynia

Protocol summary

Study aim

To evaluate the effect of biofeedback on pain and quality of life of patients with chronic coccydynia

Design

Clinical trial with control group, with parallel groups, randomized, no blinding, on 64 patients. The randomization function of Excel software was used for randomization

Settings and conduct

patients with chronic coccydynia referred to the physical medicine and rehabilitation clinic of Imam Reza Hospital in Tehran in 1403

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Patients aged 18 to 65 years with a VAS score equal to or greater than 4 in any of the sitting, standing or lying positions for at least 2 months, with no history of coccyx injection or manipulation in the past two months, no systemic diseases (poorly controlled diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis, etc.), no history of malignancy, dislocation of the coccyx, no acute fissure, and no simultaneous biofeedback treatment to treat other pelvic floor disorders

Intervention groups

Patients with chronic pelvic pain under Kegel exercises and 8 sessions of pelvic floor biofeedback

Main outcome variables

Visual analog scale and 12-question quality of life questionnaire (SF-12) and Dallas pain questionnaire

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

IRCT registration information

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

Expected recruitment start date

2024-06-21, 1403/04/01

Expected recruitment end date

2024-11-21, 1403/09/01

Actual recruitment start date

2024-07-05, 1403/04/15

Actual recruitment end date

2024-12-21, 1403/10/01

Trial completion date

2024-12-21, 1403/10/01

Scientific title

Investigating the effect of pelvic floor biofeedback on pain and quality of life of patients with chronic coccydynia

Public title

Investigating the effect of pelvic floor biofeedback on pain and quality of life of patients with chronic coccydynia

Purpose

Supportive

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria:
Patients with chronic coccyx pain with a VAS score equal to or greater than 4 in any of the sitting, standing or lying positions for at least 2 months, with no history of injection or manipulation of the coccyx in the past two months.

Exclusion criteria:
Absence of systemic diseases (poorly controlled diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis, etc.) No history of malignancy Absence of coccyx dislocation Absence of acute anal fissure Absence of simultaneous biofeedback treatment to treat other pelvic floor disorders There were patients who no longer wanted to continue the study

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

Gender
Both

Phase
N/A

Groups that have been masked
No information

Sample size
Target sample size: **64**
Actual sample size reached: **57**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)
N/A

Randomization description

Blinding (investigator's opinion)
Not blinded

Blinding description

Placebo
Not used

Assignment
Parallel

Other design features

Secondary Ids
empty

Ethics committees

1

Ethics committee

Name of ethics committee
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Approval date
2024-06-11, 1403/03/22

Ethics committee reference number
IR.AJAUMS.REC.1403.058

Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied

Coccydynia

ICD-10 code

M53.3

ICD-10 code description

Sacrococcygeal disorders, not elsewhere classified

Primary outcomes

1

Description

Visual Analogue Scale

Timepoint

At the beginning of the study (before the start of the intervention) and at the end of the 4th and 12th week

Method of measurement

Visual Analogue Scale

2

Description

Short form health survey 12

Timepoint

At the beginning of the study (before the start of the intervention) and at the end of the 12th week

Method of measurement

Short form health survey 12

3

Description

Dallas pain questionnaire

Timepoint

At the beginning of the study (before the start of the intervention) and at the end of the 12th week

Method of measurement

Dallas pain questionnaire

Secondary outcomes

empty

Intervention groups

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Description

Intervention group: Patients with coccydynia treated with Kegel exercises and 8 sessions of pelvic floor biofeedback

Category

Rehabilitation

Recruitment centers

1

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Name of recruitment center

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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

Artesh 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

Person responsible for general inquiries

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Position

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Latest degree

Medical doctor

Other areas of specialty/work

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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

Undecided - It is not yet known if there will be 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

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