

Clinical Trial Protocol

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Evaluation of the therapeutic effect of topical LeishG1 cream combined with intralesional injection of meglumine antimoniate (Glucantime) compared to the control group (intralesional injection of Glucantime and topical placebo cream) for the treatment of patients with cutaneous leishmaniasis caused by Leishmania tropica in humans based on a randomized, double-blind clinical trial

Protocol summary

Study aim

Evaluation of the therapeutic effect of intralesional Glucantime® injection combined with topical LeishG1 cream compared to intralesional Glucantime® injection with topical placebo cream on the cutaneous lesions of patients with CL caused by L.tropica

Design

Randomized, controlled clinical trial with parallel groups, double-blind, Phase 3 on 140 samples. Randomization is performed using the RAND function in Microsoft Excel.

Settings and conduct

This clinical trial will be conducted in Mashhad on eligible patients with active CL caused by L.tropica. Patients will be randomly assigned to two groups using randomised blocks, and the creams will be supplied in the same packaging with an identifiable code only. The subjects, the clinical caregiver and the outcome assessor will be blinded to the type of intervention. The treatment process includes intralesional injection of Glucantim and topical cream application for three months, and the epithelialisation process and side effects will be assessed at specific times.

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Inclusion Criteria: active cutaneous leishmaniasis lesion caused by Leishmania tropica, age 12-60 years, a maximum of 5 lesions per participant, the largest diameter of lesions less than 5 cm. Exclusion Criteria: atypical lesions or lesions located in sensitive areas of the body, lipooid or treatment-resistant forms of CL, pregnant or lactating women.

Intervention groups

Group 1: Treatment with Glucantime® by intralesional injection once a week for a maximum duration of 12

weeks, combined with topical application of LeishG1 cream twice daily on the lesion for 3 months. Group 2: Treatment with Glucantime® by intralesional injection once a week for a maximum duration of 12 weeks, combined with topical application of placebo cream twice daily on the lesion for 3 months.

Main outcome variables

Re-epithelialization of the lesion

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

IRCT registration information

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Recruitment status

recruiting

Funding source

- Care provider
- Investigator
- Outcome assessor
- Data and Safety Monitoring Board

Expected recruitment start date

2026-01-21, 1404/11/01

Expected recruitment end date

2028-07-22, 1407/05/01

Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date

empty

Trial completion date

empty

Scientific title

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Public title

Evaluation of the therapeutic effect of LeishG1 topical cream for the treatment of patients with cutaneous leishmaniasis caused by Leishmania tropica

Purpose

Treatment

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria**Inclusion criteria:**

Presence of an active cutaneous leishmaniasis lesion caused by Leishmania tropica, confirmed by parasitological examinations including direct smear and PCR Age between 12 and 60 years Awareness of the study procedures Willingness to participate in the study and signing of the informed consent form A maximum of 5 lesions per participant The largest diameter of cutaneous lesions less than or equal to 5 cm

Exclusion criteria:

Suspected individuals to the disease Absence of Leishmania bodies in cutaneous lesions Number of lesions more than 5 Atypical lesions or lesions located in sensitive areas of the body (e.g., lips, ears, joints) Mean ulcer size greater than 5 cm Lipoid or treatment-resistant forms of cutaneous leishmaniasis Pregnant and lactating women Concurrent use of other anti-leishmanial medications Presence of dermatologic diseases such as eczema, psoriasis, lupus, pemphigus, fungal infections, and similar conditions Participation in the same research project

AgeFrom **12 years** old to **60 years** old**Gender**

Both

Phase

3

Groups that have been masked

- Participant

Sample sizeTarget sample size: **140**

More than 1 sample in each individual

Number of samples in each individual: **5**

The number of skin lesions is up to 5 per participant.

Randomization (investigator's opinion)

Randomized

Randomization description

After identifying eligible patients, random allocation into two groups will be performed using a block randomization method. Four blocks will be generated with combinations of codes AABB, ABAB, ABBA, BAAB, BABA, and BBAA corresponding to the drug and placebo groups. The blocks will then be randomly selected using the RAND function in Microsoft Excel until the desired sample size is achieved. Group assignment will be carried out using 154 opaque sealed envelopes labeled externally with the group number and containing information about the intervention type inside each envelope.

Blinding (investigator's opinion)

Double blinded

Blinding description

Both the drug and placebo are packaged identically and can only be distinguished by a code for identification. This blinding procedure is applied to patients, investigators, clinical monitors, outcome assessors, and data analysts. At the end of the study, following final data analysis, the codes will be unblinded.

Placebo

Used

Assignment

Parallel

Other design features**Secondary Ids**

empty

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

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2025-10-06, 1404/07/14

Ethics committee reference number

IR.TUMS.SPH.REC.1404.169

Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied

Cutaneous leishmaniasis caused by Leishmania tropica

ICD-10 code

B55.1

ICD-10 code description

Cutaneous leishmaniasis

Primary outcomes

1

Description

Complete re-epithelialization: an skin lesion that is completely re-epithelialised by the end of the 12-week treatment period (i.e., 3 months).

Timepoint

Two weeks and one, two, and three months after the initiation of treatment

Method of measurement

The percentage of re-epithelialization of the lesion(s) will be calculated by comparing the ulcer size at baseline to the ulcer size at follow-up visits. Measurements will be taken in two perpendicular directions using a caliper or ruler. The ulcer area will be calculated using the elliptical area formula.

Secondary outcomes

1

Description

Adverse events

Timepoint

Days 0, 14, 28, two months, and three months after the initiation of treatment

Method of measurement

Follow-up and examination

2

Description

Relapse

Timepoint

Three to six months after the end of treatment

Method of measurement

An skin lesion that reaches 100% re-epithelialization by day 90 and subsequently relapse by day 180.

Intervention groups

1

Description

Intervention group: 70 patients with skin lesions caused by Leishmania tropica, treated with meglumine antimonate according to the national protocol in the form of intralesional injection once a week for a maximum of 12 weeks, along with treatment with LeishG1 cream (produced by Behpad Teb Iranian Company) twice a day for 3 months, applied as a thin layer on the lesion, the size of a knuckle.

Category

Treatment - Drugs

2

Description

Control group: 70 patients with skin lesions caused by Leishmania tropica, treated with meglumine antimonate according to the national protocol in the form of intralesional injection once a week for a maximum of 12 weeks, along with treatment with placebo cream (produced by Behpad Teb Iranian Company) twice a day for 3 months, applied as a thin layer on the lesion, the size of a knuckle.

Category

Placebo

Recruitment centers

1

Recruitment center

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

Yes

Title of funding source

Shahed University

Proportion provided by this source

60

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

Yes

Title of funding source

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Proportion provided by this source

40

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

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Sharing plan

Deidentified Individual Participant Data Set (IPD)

No - There is not a plan to make this available

Justification/reason for indecision/not sharing IPD

Ethical consideration about patient information

Study Protocol

No - There is not a plan to make this available

Statistical Analysis Plan

No - There is not a plan to make this available

Informed Consent Form

No - There is not a plan to make this available

Clinical Study Report

No - There is not 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