Clinical Trial Protocol
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Effect of Elastic Band Resistance Training on irisin, liver enzymes, Hepatic Steatosis and Metabolic Outcomes in Postmenopausal Women with MASLD

Protocol summary

Study aim

The aim of this study is to investigate the effect of elastic band resistance training on irisin, liver enzymes, hepatic steatosis and metabolic outcomes in obese postmenopausal women with MASLD

Design

Two-arm randomized controlled trial (Elastic band resistance training and control) with pre- and post-intervention assessments.

Settings and conduct

This study was conducted as a clinical trial involving 54 women aged 55-70 years. Participants were randomly and evenly assigned to two groups: Elastic band resistance training group and the control group. The Elastic band resistance training group underwent 8 weeks of training, with three 60-minute sessions per week. Hepatic Steatosis, ALT, AST, GGT, Insulin, Glucose, Irisin were assessed before and after the intervention. No blinding was applied.

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Inclusion Criteria: hepatic steatosis, body mass index between 40 and 50 kg/m², stable body weight (±3%) during the preceding three months, and no engagement in structured exercise training within the previous six months. Exclusion criteria: alcohol consumption, diabetes mellitus, hormone therapy, use of medications known to affect hepatic fat content or insulin sensitivity within the prior six months, and any musculoskeletal, cardiovascular, or neurological condition contraindicating participation in resistance exercise.

Intervention groups

Elastic band resistance training group and the control group. Elastic band resistance training group completed a supervised elastic band resistance training program three times per week for eight consecutive weeks, yielding a total of 24 sessions, while the control group did not participate in any physical activity.

Main outcome variables

Hepatic Steatosis, ALT, AST, GGT, Insulin, Glucose, Irisin

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

IRCT registration information

IRCT registration number: **IRCT20241205063953N4**
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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

Expected recruitment start date

2026-01-25, 1404/11/05

Expected recruitment end date

2026-03-25, 1405/01/05

Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date

empty

Trial completion date

empty

Scientific title

Effect of Elastic Band Resistance Training on irisin, liver enzymes, Hepatic Steatosis and Metabolic Outcomes in Postmenopausal Women with MASLD

Public title

Elastic Band Resistance Training and liver disease in Postmenopausal Women

Purpose

Treatment

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria:

Body mass index between 40 and 50 kg/m² Stable body weight (±3%) during the preceding three months No engagement in structured exercise training within the previous six months.

Exclusion criteria:

Age

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

Gender

Female

Phase

N/A

Groups that have been masked

No information

Sample size

Target sample size: **54**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)

Randomized

Randomization description

In this study, simple randomization was used to assign participants to study groups. The randomization unit was individual, meaning that each person was independently assigned to one of the two groups: elastic band resistance training group (n = 27) or the control group (n = 27). The randomization tool was EXECL software which generated the random sequence before the study began to prevent allocation bias. Allocation concealment was ensured using sealed and numbered opaque envelopes containing the group assignment for each participant. These envelopes were opened only after a participant's eligibility was confirmed by an independent researcher not involved in the randomization process. Stratified randomization was applied based on age to ensure balance across groups for these key variables.

Blinding (investigator's opinion)

Not blinded

Blinding description

Placebo

Not used

Assignment

Parallel

Other design features

Secondary Ids

empty

Ethics committees

1

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2020-02-08, 1398/11/19

Ethics committee reference number

IR.IAU.SHK.REC.1399.031

Health conditions studied

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Description of health condition studied

Liver diseases

ICD-10 code

K75.81

ICD-10 code description

Nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH)

Primary outcomes

1

Description

Hepatic Steatosis

Timepoint

48 hours before and after 8 weeks of research

Method of measurement

Method for quantifying liver fat content (CAP)

2

Description

ALT

Timepoint

48 hours before and after 8 weeks of research

Method of measurement

ALT levels were measured using a commercial kit (Pars Azmoon, Tehran, Iran) with enzymatic methods.

3

Description

AST

Timepoint

48 hours before and after 8 weeks of research

Method of measurement

AST levels were measured using a commercial kit (Pars Azmoon, Tehran, Iran) with enzymatic methods.

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Description
Irisin
Timepoint
48 hours before and after 8 weeks of research
Method of measurement
Measured using the enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) method with an enzyme immunoassay kit (Phoenix Pharmaceuticals®, Burlingame, USA)

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Description
Insulin
Timepoint
48 hours before and after 8 weeks of research
Method of measurement
Insulin levels were measured using the enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) method and equipment (ZellBio, Ulm, Germany)

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Description
Glucose
Timepoint
48 hours before and after 8 weeks of research
Method of measurement
Glucose levels were measured using a commercial kit (Pars Azmoon, Tehran, Iran) with photometric and enzymatic methods.

Secondary outcomes

empty

Intervention groups

1

Description
Intervention group: Elastic band resistance training group. This group practiced elastic band resistance training under the supervision of instructors for 8weeks, 3 sessions per week, 60 minutes per session.
Category
Treatment - Other

2

Description
Control group: No sports activities were involved during the research.
Category
Other

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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
Islamic Azad University
Proportion provided by this source
100
Public or private sector
Private
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
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 data without participant names

When the data will become available and for how long
6 months after publication of the article

To whom data/document is available
University students and professors

Under which criteria data/document could be used
For future research

From where data/document is obtainable
To the researchers of this study

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

Comments