

Clinical Trial Protocol

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The effects of intrauterine injection of human chorionic gonadotropin (HCG) before embryo transfer on fertility outcomes in infertile women undergoing Invitro fertilization (IVF).

Protocol summary

Summary

The aim of the current study is to investigate the fertility outcomes of intrauterine injection of human chorionic gonadotropin (HCG) prior to embryo transfer in infertile women undergoing In vitro fertilization (IVF). All patients younger than 40 years old referred to the infertility clinic of Shariati hospital candidate for their first IVF cycle during 2012-2013, would be approached. Patients with endometriosis, azoospermia, uterine fibroids or history of myomectomy, and those with hydrosalpingitis will be excluded. A total of two hundred recruited patients, will be randomly allocated in intervention (n=100) and control group (n=100). After starting "LONG" protocol, ovum retrieval and 2-3 days after in vitro fertilization, patient will be ready for embryo transfer. In intervention group we introduce a soft catheter and inject 0.4 cc embryo culture media fluid with 0.1 cc (500 units) HCG of coracon type to the uterus (Ferring, Düsseldorf, Germany). Embryos will be transferred using another catheter after 7 minutes. In control group 500µl embryo culture media fluid would be injected to the uterus. Embryos will be transferred using another catheter after 7 minutes. In both groups speculum will be removed after 3 minutes. Fertility outcomes, including biochemical and clinical pregnancies, will be compared between two groups. The study is double blind. Both the patient and the performer of IVF procedure are not aware of the categorizations.

General information

Acronym

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The effects of intrauterine injection of human chorionic gonadotropin (HCG) before embryo transfer on fertility outcomes in infertile women undergoing Invitro fertilization (IVF).

Public title

Fertility outcomes following intrauterine injection of human chorionic gonadotropin (HCG) before embryo transfer

Purpose

Treatment

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria: All patients younger than 40 years old referred to the infertility clinic of Shariati Hospital and will undergo In vitro fertilization (IVF) for the first time.

Exclusion criteria: Patients with endometriosis, azoospermia, patients with uterine fibroids or history of myomectomy, and patients with hydrosalpingitis

Age

From **20 years** old to **40 years** old

Gender

Female

Phase

N/A

Groups that have been masked

No information

Sample size

Target sample size: **200**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)

Randomized

Randomization description

Blinding (investigator's opinion)

Double blinded

Blinding description

Placebo

Not used

Assignment

Parallel

Other design features

Secondary Ids

empty

Ethics committees

1

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2012-11-17, 1391/08/27

Ethics committee reference number

69702

Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied

Infertility

ICD-10 code

N97

ICD-10 code description

inability to achieve a pregnancy sterility, female NOS

Primary outcomes

1

Description

Pregnancy

Timepoint

4 weeks after embryo transfer

Method of measurement

detection of fetal heart rate in trans vaginal sonography

Secondary outcomes

1

Description

Implantation rate

Timepoint

3 weeks after embryo transfer

Method of measurement

number of gestational sacs in trans vaginal sonography to the number of embryos transferred in each cycle

2

Description

ongoing pregnancy

Timepoint

continuation of pregnancy in 20 weeks

Method of measurement

sonography

3

Description

Abortion

Timepoint

before 20 weeks

Method of measurement

sonography

4

Description

multiple pregnancy

Timepoint

4 weeks after embryo transfer

Method of measurement

more than one sac containing fetal heart in sonography

5

Description

ectopic pregnancy

Timepoint

4 weeks after embryo transfer

Method of measurement

sonography

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

Intrauterine injection of 0.1 cc (500 units) of human chorionic gonadotropin (HCG) (Coracon type, Ferring, Düsseldorf, Germany) before embryo transfer

Category

Treatment - Drugs

2**Description**

No intrauterine injection before embryo transfer.

Category

Treatment - Other

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Statistical Analysis Plan

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Informed Consent Form

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Clinical Study Report

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Analytic Code

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