

Clinical Trial Protocol

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Simvastatine in the treatment of negetive symptoms in stable schizophrenia: a double blind and randomised clinical trial

Protocol summary

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Summary

The objective of this randomized, double-blind, placebo controlled study is to test the hypothesis that the addition of Simvastatin would improve psychopathology in subjects with schizophrenia treated with Risperidone. 50 patients with chronic DSM-5-diagnosed schizophrenia will receive Risperidone (4-6 mg/day) combined with either placebo (N=25) or 40 mg/day of Simvastatin (N=25) for 8 weeks. Efficacy will be defined as the change from baseline to endpoint in score on the Positive and Negative Syndrome Scale (PANSS). Side effects will be also evaluated using checklist and Extra-pyramidal Symptoms Rating Scale.

Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

Tehran University of Medical Sciences

Expected recruitment start date

2014-11-22, 1393/09/01

Expected recruitment end date

2016-11-20, 1395/08/30

Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date

empty

Trial completion date

empty

General information

Acronym

IRCT registration information

IRCT registration number: **IRCT201410021556N65**

Registration date: **2014-10-28, 1393/08/06**

Registration timing: **prospective**

Last update:

Update count: **0**

Registration date

2014-10-28, 1393/08/06

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Simvastatine in the treatment of negetive symptoms in stable schizophrenia: a double blind and randomised clinical trial

Public title

Simvastatine in the treatment of schizophrenia

Purpose

Treatment

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

Inclusion Criteria:1-Diagnosis of Schizophrenia based on DSM- 5 criteria;2- Minimum Score of 20 in negative subscale of Positive and Negative Scale(PANNS) 3- Age between 18-50; 4- chronic Schizophrenia- duration of the disorder more than 2 years; ; Exclusion Criteria:1-any other mental disorder on axis I; 2-Any serious medical or neurological problem; 3- IQ less than 70; 4- Substance dependence(except for nicotine and caffeine); 5- receiving ECT during the last 14 days,6-Depression Score less than 12 in Hamilton depression scale

Age

From **18 years** old to **50 years** old

Gender

Both

Phase

3

Groups that have been masked

No information

Sample size

Target sample size: 50

Randomization (investigator's opinion)

Randomized

Randomization description

Blinding (investigator's opinion)

Double blinded

Blinding description

Placebo

Used

Assignment

Parallel

Other design features

Secondary Ids

empty

Ethics committees

1

Ethics committee

Name of ethics committee

Ethics Committee of Tehran University of Medical Sciences

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Keshvarz Blvd

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Approval date

2014-09-23, 1393/07/01

Ethics committee reference number

26261

Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied

schizophrenia

ICD-10 code

F20

ICD-10 code description

schizophrenia

Primary outcomes

1

Description

Severity of schizophrenia

Timepoint

Baseline and weeks 2-4-8 after beginig of treatment

Method of measurement

Positive and Negative Syndrome Scale (PANSS)

Secondary outcomes

1

Description

extrapyramidal side effects

Timepoint

Baseline and weeks 2-4-6-8 after beginig of treatment

Method of measurement

by Extrapyramidal Symptoms Rating Scale

Intervention groups

1

Description

Tablets Risperidone (4-6 mg/day) combined with 40 mg/day simvastatin as intervention group for 8 weeks

Category

Treatment - Drugs

2

Description

Tablet Risperidone (4-6 mg/day) combined with placebo as control group for 8 weeks

Category

Placebo

Recruitment centers

1

Recruitment center

Name of recruitment center

Roozbeh Hospital

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Sponsors / Funding sources

1

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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
Tehran University of Medical Sciences
Proportion provided by this source
100
Public or private sector
empty
Domestic or foreign origin
empty
Category of foreign source of funding
empty
Country of origin
Type of organization providing the funding
empty

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Sharing plan

Deidentified Individual Participant Data Set (IPD)

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Study Protocol

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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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Data Dictionary

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