

Clinical Trial Protocol

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L carnosine as adjunctive treatment of negative symptoms in patients with schizophrenia: a double blind and placebo controlled trial

Protocol summary

Summary

The objective of this randomized, double-blind, placebo controlled study is to test the hypothesis that the addition of L carnosine would improve psychopathology in subjects with schizophrenia treated with Risperidone. 50 patients with chronic schizophrenia will receive Risperidone (6 mg/day) combined with either placebo (N=25) or 2 gr/day of L carnosine(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.

General information

Acronym

IRCT registration information

IRCT registration number: **IRCT201504211556N75**
Registration date: **2015-04-22, 1394/02/02**
Registration timing: **prospective**

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Registration date

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

Tehran University of Medical Sciences

Expected recruitment start date

2015-05-22, 1394/03/01

Expected recruitment end date

2016-11-21, 1395/09/01

Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date

empty

Trial completion date

empty

Scientific title

L carnosine as adjunctive treatment of negative symptoms in patients with schizophrenia: a double blind and placebo controlled trial

Public title

L carnosine in patients with schizophrenia

Purpose

Treatment

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria:1-Diagnosis of Schizophrenia based on DSM-5 criteria; 2- Age between 18-60; 3-Chronic Schizophrenia- duration of the disorder more than 2 years; 4-Minimum score of 20 in negative sub score. 5- being stable on risperidone for the last 2 months
Exclusion criteria:1-Any serious medical or neurological problem; 2- IQ less than 70; 3- Substance dependence during the last 6 months(except for nicotine and caffeine); 4- Score on HDRS less than 14 5-receiving ECT during the last 3 months ; 6-Acute or chronic systemic diseases; 7- History of neurosurgery; 8- History of head trauma.

Age

From **18 years** old to **60 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

2015-04-21, 1394/02/01

Ethics committee reference number

27749

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

empty

Intervention groups

1

Description

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

Category

Placebo

2

Description

Tablet Risperidone (6 mg/day) combined with 2 gr/day L carnosine as intervention group for 8 weeks

Category

Treatment - Drugs

Recruitment centers

1

Recruitment center

Name of recruitment center

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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

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Sharing plan**Deidentified Individual Participant Data Set (IPD)***empty***Study Protocol***empty***Statistical Analysis Plan***empty***Informed Consent Form***empty***Clinical Study Report***empty***Analytic Code***empty***Data Dictionary***empty*