

Clinical Trial Protocol

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Pregnenolone in the treatment of women with chronic schizophrenia: a double blind randomized 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 Pregnenolone would improve psychopathology in subjects with schizophrenia treated with Risperidone. 50 female patients with chronic schizophrenia will receive Risperidone (6 mg/day) combined with either placebo (N=25) or 50 mg/day of Pregnenolone (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

2015-05-22, 1394/03/01

Expected recruitment end date

2016-12-21, 1395/10/01

Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date

empty

Trial completion date

empty

General information

Acronym

IRCT registration information

IRCT registration number: **IRCT201504211556N76**

Registration date: **2015-04-22, 1394/02/02**

Registration timing: **prospective**

Last update:

Update count: **0**

Registration date

2015-04-22, 1394/02/02

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Pregnenolone in the treatment of women with chronic schizophrenia: a double blind randomized trial

Public title

Pregnenolone in the treatment of women with chronic schizophrenia

Purpose

Treatment

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria: 1-women with Diagnosis of Schizophrenia based on DSM- 5 criteria; 2- Minimum Score of 60 on Positive and Negative Scale; 3- Age between 18-45; 4-Chronic Schizophrenia- duration of the disorder more than 2 years; 5-Minimum score of 20 in negative sub score. 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-receiving oral antipsychotic medications during the last week or receiving any depot antipsychotic medication during the last month; 5- receiving ECT during the last 14 days ; 6-Hepatic and renal diseases; 7- History of thromboembolism ; 8- History of abnormal uterine bleeding, uterine or breast

canser; 9-CVA; 10-Hormone replacement therapy; 11-Endocrine abnormality.

Age

From **18 years** old to **45 years** old

Gender

Female

Phase

4

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

27746

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 50 mg/day

Pregnenolone as intervention group for 8 weeks

Category

Treatment - Drugs

2

Description

Tablet Risperidone (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

Full name of responsible person

Prof. Shahin Akhondzadeh

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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
empty
Statistical Analysis Plan
empty
Informed Consent Form
empty
Clinical Study Report
empty
Analytic Code
empty
Data Dictionary
empty