

Clinical Trial Protocol

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A comparison of vitB12 plus standard chronic HCV treatment with standard chronic HCV treatment on sustained virologic response rate

Protocol summary

Summary

This randomized clinical trial will be done on 74 chronic naive HCV patients at gastrointestinal clinic of Rasoul Akram Hospital. The patients are randomly enrolled to either of the two groups using a computer-generated randomization. 37 patients receive (group A): Peg-IFN α 2b 1.5 mg/kg/week subcutaneously and oral ribavirin; according to body weight (1000 mg/day for weighing <75 kg, 1200 mg/day for weighing >75 kg in genotype 1 or 4 and a single ribavirin dose of 800 mg/day in genotype 2 or 3). 37 patients receive (group B): Peg-IFN α 2b 1.5 mg/kg/week subcutaneously and ribavirin; according to body weight (1000 mg/day for weighing <75 kg, 1200 mg/day for weighing >75 kg in genotype 1 or 4 and a single ribavirin dose of 800 mg/day in genotype 2 or 3 plus vitamin B12 5000 microgram intramuscular injection every 4 weeks for the duration of the antiviral therapy. The randomisation lists are separately generated for difficult-to-treat genotypes (genotype 1 or 4) and easy-to-treat genotypes (genotype 2 or 3) in order to balance the two treatment groups. All patients are sent for :CBC,ALT,AST,GAMMAGT,ALP,BILI(T&D),PT,ALB,CHOLESTEROL,ANTIHCVAbs,HCV PCR&GENOTYP and fibroscan for steatosis and fibrosis scoring. Quantitative HCV-RNA PCR, ALT and AST levels are measured 4, 12, 24, 48 and 72 weeks after the start of antiviral therapy.

General information

Acronym

IRCT registration information

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

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Expected recruitment start date

2015-03-21, 1394/01/01

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2017-09-23, 1396/07/01

Actual recruitment start date

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Trial completion date

empty

Scientific title

A comparison of vitB12 plus standard chronic HCV treatment with standard chronic HCV treatment on sustained virologic response rate

Public title

Efficacy of vitB12 plus standard chronic HCV treatment versus standard chronic HCV treatment on sustained virologic response rate

Purpose

Treatment

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria:naive HCV hepatitis patients that refer to Rasoul Akram Hospital,Gastroenterology Clinic.

Exclusion criteria:age<18 and age>70,previous treatment with interferon and/or ribavirin,concomitant causes of liver disease, such as HBV infection and autoimmune Hepatitis, alcohol user, HIV infection, hepatocellular carcinoma, decompensated cirrhosis, severe concurrent disease and contraindications to treatment including uncontrolled depression,psychosis, epilepsy, autoimmune diseases, poorlycontrolled hypertension, diabetes, heart failure and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

Age

From **18 years** old to **70 years** old

Gender

Both

Phase

3

Groups that have been masked

No information

Sample size

Target sample size: **74**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)

Randomized

Randomization description**Blinding (investigator's opinion)**

Not blinded

Blinding description**Placebo**

Not used

Assignment

Parallel

Other design features**Secondary Ids**

empty

Ethics committees**1****Ethics committee****Name of ethics committee**

Iran University of Medical Sciences Ethics Committee

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2015-04-15, 1394/01/26

Ethics committee reference number

25592

Health conditions studied**1****Description of health condition studied**

Chronic viral hepatitis C

ICD-10 code

B18.2

ICD-10 code description

Chronic viral hepatitis C

Primary outcomes**1****Description**

Sustained virologic response rate

Timepoint

24 weeks after treatment completion

Method of measurement

Quantitative HCV-PCR

Secondary outcomes**1****Description**

HCV genotype pattern

Timepoint

at the begining of treatment

Method of measurement

HCV genotyping

2**Description**

Drug adverse effect rate

Timepoint

During treatment

Method of measurement

Data gathering sheet

3**Description**

Non-responder rate

Timepoint

12 and 24 weeks after start treatment

Method of measurement

Quantitative HCV-PCR

4**Description**

Rapid viral response rate

Timepoint

4 weeks after start treatment

Method of measurement

Quantitative HCV-PCR

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Description

Complete early viral response rate

Timepoint

12 weeks after start treatment

Method of measurement

Quantitative HCV-PCR

6

Description

Dropout rate

Timepoint

During treatment

Method of measurement

Data gathering sheet

7

Description

liver steatosis and fibrosis rate

Timepoint

at first time before treatment

Method of measurement

liver fibroscan and/or biopsy

8

Description

Patient compliance rate

Timepoint

at the end of treatment

Method of measurement

Data gathering sheet

9

Description

The end-of-treatment viral response rate

Timepoint

at the end of treatment

Method of measurement

Quantitative HCV-PCR

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Description

Virological breakthrough rate

Timepoint

During treatment

Method of measurement

Quantitative HCV-PCR

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Description

Relapse rate

Timepoint

during 24 weeks after completing treatment

Method of measurement

Quantitative HCV-PCR

Intervention groups

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Description

control:: Peg-IFNa2b 1.5 mg/kg/week subcutaneously and ribavirin ; according to body weight(1000 mg/day for weighing <75 kg, 1200 mg/day for weighing >75 kg in genotype 1 or 4 and a single ribavirin dose of 800 mg/day in genotype 2 or 3 .

Category

Treatment - Drugs

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Description

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Category

Treatment - Drugs

Recruitment centers

1

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Sponsors / Funding sources

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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

Iran University of Medical Sciences,Rasoul Akram Hospital,Colorectal Research Center

Proportion provided by this source

100

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