

Clinical Trial Protocol

Iranian Registry of Clinical Trials

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Comparison the effects of Acetaminophen and Ibuprofen on emotions by recording electrical activity of the brain

Protocol summary

Study aim

1. Comparison the effect of Acetaminophen and Ibuprofen on emotions by using Electroencephalography signals.
2. The negative effects of painkillers on emotional states and people's empathy

Design

Non randomized clinical trial; Phase 1; 54 volunteers

Settings and conduct

This study performs in laboratory of Islamic Azad University of Central Tehran Branch. Three steps performs for all of subjects between three to seven days; thereby, the electroencephalography brain signals obtain without receiving any medication, with receiving acetaminophen and Ibuprofen during music listening. Each participant listen to a three-minute audio music track for each emotion. Before and after listening of music excerpts and electroencephalography recording, each of people fulfill the questionnaires regarding their emotions.

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria include: 1. People over 18 years old without neurological diseases 2. Right-handed people
Inclusion criteria include: 1. Patients participating in other clinical studies 2. Pregnant or lactating women 3. Sensitivity to any of the drug compounds

Intervention groups

The study will be performed on 54 volunteers without a history of any disease in three stages. Thus, in one stage of signal recording from individuals without receiving any medication and 3 to 7 days later, the person will receive 500 mg of acetaminophen tablets and the signal will be recorded again, in the other stage, the same people in a period of 3-7 take 400 mg of ibuprofen tablets daily. Brain signals are received in three states of joy, sadness and neutrality in the three mentioned stages. Our stimulus in this research is an audio music that creates a state of joy and sorrow in people.

Main outcome variables

1. EEG Brain Signal
2. Emotion (happiness - sadness)

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

IRCT registration information

IRCT registration number: **IRCT20190729044367N1**

Registration date: **2020-08-31, 1399/06/10**

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

Expected recruitment start date

2020-08-05, 1399/05/15

Expected recruitment end date

2020-11-05, 1399/08/15

Actual recruitment start date

2020-08-05, 1399/05/15

Actual recruitment end date

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Trial completion date

2020-11-21, 1399/09/01

Scientific title

Comparison the effects of Acetaminophen and Ibuprofen on emotions by recording electrical activity of the brain		Tehran
Public title		Postal code
Comparison the effects of Acetaminophen and Ibuprofen on emotions		۱۳۴۹۶۱۴۵۳۵
Purpose		Approval date
Education/Guidance		2020-01-19, 1398/10/29
Inclusion/Exclusion criteria		Ethics committee reference number
Inclusion criteria:		IR.IUMS.REC.1398.1085
All participants should be right-handed They have normal hearing sensitivity No reported history of brain diseases like depression or alzheimer. No head trauma, stroke or injury Do not have history of alcohol and smoking (especially a few days before the signal is recorded)		Health conditions studied
Exclusion criteria:		1
Pregnancy Breastfeeding Preexisting neurological or psychological disorders Severe liver failure based on Child-Pugh Score Renal failure (Glomerular Filtration Rate (GFR) < 15 mL/min) History of prior anti-psychotic or anti-epileptic use Allergy to oral Acetaminophen and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) History of smoking or alcohol abuse		Description of health condition studied
Age		Healthy volunteers
From 18 years old to 35 years old		ICD-10 code
Gender		R45.89
Both		ICD-10 code description
Phase		Other symptoms and signs involving emotional state
2		Primary outcomes
Groups that have been masked		1
No information		Description
Sample size		Emotional arousal score in questionnaire between 0-5.
Target sample size: 54		Timepoint
Actual sample size reached: 54		Survey the emotional state immediately after the recording for checking the effect of painkiller.
Randomization (investigator's opinion)		Method of measurement
N/A		Asking participants after recording and score the music from 0-5. and observe and analyze brain signals in both happiness and sadness.
Randomization description		Secondary outcomes
Blinding (investigator's opinion)		empty
Not blinded		Intervention groups
Blinding description		1
Placebo		Description
Not used		In the first stage, participants are given a brain signal for each emotional state (happiness-sadness-neutral) while listening to a three-minute music. Before and after listening to music, each person fills out a questionnaire according to their feelings. In the second stage, the signal is recorded by receiving acetaminophen (500) mg of Rouz Darou Pharmaceutical Company while listening to the mentioned music. Before and after listening to music, each person fills out the questionnaire according to their feelings. In the third stage, the signal is recorded by receiving ibuprofen (400 mg) from Dana Pharmaceutical Company while listening to the music. . Before and after listening to music, each person fills out a questionnaire according to their feelings.
Assignment		Category
Crossover		N/A
Other design features		Recruitment centers
Secondary Ids		
empty		
Ethics committees		
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Grant name**Grant code / Reference number****Is the source of funding the same sponsor organization/entity?**

No

Title of funding source

None

Proportion provided by this source

100

Public or private sector

Public

Domestic or foreign origin

Domestic

Category of foreign source of funding

empty

Country of origin**Type of organization providing the funding**

Academic

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Sharing plan

Deidentified Individual Participant Data Set (IPD)
Undecided - It is not yet known if there will be a plan to make this available
Study Protocol
Yes - There is a plan to make this available
Statistical Analysis Plan

Undecided - It is not yet known if there will be a plan to make this available
Informed Consent Form
Yes - There is a plan to make this available
Clinical Study Report
Yes - There is a plan to make this available
Analytic Code
Undecided - It is not yet known if there will be a plan to make this available
Data Dictionary
No - There is not a plan to make this available
Title and more details about the data/document
The results of the document is shared but the data can't be shared.
When the data will become available and for how long
The results will be shared after publication.
To whom data/document is available
The data is secret. I can't be allowed to share it.
Under which criteria data/document could be used
they can just analyze mathematically.
From where data/document is obtainable
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What processes are involved for a request to access data/document
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