

Clinical Trial Protocol

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Evaluating efficacy and safety of interferone β -1a in the treatment COVID-19 infection

Protocol summary

Study aim

Evaluating efficacy and safety of interferone β -1a in the treatment COVID-19 infection

Design

This is a non-blinded randomized clinical trial.

Settings and conduct

This study will be done in Imam Khomeini Hospital of Tehran.

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria: 18-75 years old persons Highly suspected of confirmed COVID-19 infection Exclusion criteria: History of drug allergy Uncontrolled baseline diseases including neuropsychiatric disorders, diabetes, thyroid disorders, heart disease Pregnancy and lactation Baseline liver failure

Intervention groups

Included patients will assign to intervention or control group according to the permuted block randomization. Concomitant with the national proposed combination, the intervention group will receive interferon beta 1a, 44 mcg subcutaneously every other day for 14 days. Patients in the control group will receive only the national proposed combination. Patients will be followed every other day for response to the treatment and adverse reactions up to the end of treatment.

Main outcome variables

Primary endpoints of the study are rates of treatment response and adverse drug reactions. Secondary endpoints are duration of hospitalization and patients' clinical outcomes.

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

IRCT registration information

IRCT registration number: **IRCT20100228003449N28**

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

Expected recruitment start date

2020-03-15, 1398/12/25

Expected recruitment end date

2020-04-13, 1399/01/25

Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date

empty

Trial completion date

empty

Scientific title

Evaluating efficacy and safety of interferone β -1a in the treatment COVID-19 infection

Public title

Interferon in treatment of COVID-19

Purpose

Treatment

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria:

Patients with highly suspected or confirmed COVID-19 infection who are candid for hospitalized and starting triple-drug combination

Exclusion criteria:

History of drug allergy
Uncontrolled baseline diseases including neuropsychiatric disorders, diabetes, thyroid disorders, heart disease
Pregnancy and lactation
Baseline liver failure

Age

From **18 years** old to **75 years** old

Gender

Both

Phase

2-3

Groups that have been masked

No information

Sample size

Target sample size: **30**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)

Randomized

Randomization description

Randomization will be done according to the blocks randomization method. Regarding to the sample size, 3 patients will be include in each block. Random sequences will be created by SAS software. This is a non-blinded randomized clinical trial.

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

Ethics Committee of Tehran University Of Medical Sciences

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2020-03-14, 1398/12/24

Ethics committee reference number

IR.TUMS.VCR.REC.1398.1052

Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied

COVID-19 pneumonia

ICD-10 code

ICD-10 code description

Primary outcomes

1

Description

Response to the treatment

Timepoint

Daily

Method of measurement

According the clinical, paraclinical and laboratory findings

2

Description

Complications of the treatment

Timepoint

Daily

Method of measurement

Interview and patient's record

Secondary outcomes

1

Description

Duration of hospitalization

Timepoint

End of the treatment

Method of measurement

Patient's record

2

Description

Clinical outcome

Timepoint

End of treatment

Method of measurement

Patient's record

Intervention groups

1

Description

Intervention group: Concomitant with the national corona treatment recommendation (hydroxychloroquine + lopinavir/ritonavir), patients will receive interferon beta, sub type 1a (CinnaGen Company) with dose of 44 mcg subcutaneously every other day for 14 days.

Category

Treatment - Drugs

2

Description

Control group: Patients will receive the national corona treatment recommendation (hydroxychloroquine + lopinavir/ritonavir) for at least 5 days.

Category

Treatment - Drugs

Recruitment centers

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

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)**

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

Study Protocol

Undecided - It is not yet known if there will be 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

Undecided - It is not yet known if there will be 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

Undecided - It is not yet known if there will be a plan to make this available

Title and more details about the data/document

Results of the study will be published. The study protocol and statistical analysis will be included in the manuscript

When the data will become available and for how long

One year after finishing the study, data will be published and will be available in databases

To whom data/document is available

After permission from the sponsor, data of the study will be available for academic researchers, physicians and scientific institutes

Under which criteria data/document could be used

Other researchers are permitted to include the results in their systematic reviews and metaanalysis

From where data/document is obtainable

For this you may ask Hossein Khalili through following information: Address: Department of Clinical Pharmacy, Faculty of Pharmacy, Tehran University of Medical Sciences, 16 Azar Ave., Tehran, Iran Postal code: 1417614411 E-mail: khalilih@tums.ac.ir

What processes are involved for a request to access data/document

After receiving the query, dependent on the requested data, the scientific responsible person of the study will response to the query in coordinate with the sponsor within 2 weeks

Comments