

# Clinical Trial Protocol

## Iranian Registry of Clinical Trials

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### Investigating the efficacy and safety of N-Acetyl Cysteine (NAC) inhalation spray in controlling the symptoms of patients with COVID-19

#### Protocol summary

##### Study aim

Investigating the efficacy and safety of N-acetyl-cysteine (NAC) inhalation spray in controlling the symptoms of patients with COVID-19

##### Design

This study is a single-center, prospective, randomized, open-labeled, controlled, parallel phase 3 clinical trial.

##### Settings and conduct

Patients who is admitted to Baqiyatallah hospital, and is meet the inclusion criteria, is entered to the study are randomly assigned into two groups of intervention and control.

##### Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria: Age: equal or more than 18 years; The patient have written consciously and freely consent to participate in the study; The patient's clinical symptoms (dry cough, shortness of breath, fever) confirm COVID-19; Confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19, with either lung CT-Scan result, which is typical for COVID-19 pulmonary involvement, or RT-PCR confirmation; Less than 7 days have passed since the onset of symptoms; Exclusion criteria: history of allergy to ingredients; The patient is in another clinical trial at the same time; The patient needs to receive medical care from the intensive care unit; Pregnancy; Lactation

##### Intervention groups

Intervention group: NAC nasal spray (200 microgram/puff) 1 puff 12 hours, for 7 days (In addition to routine treatment according to the latest national guideline for the treatment of new corona-virus). Control group: routine treatment according to the latest national guideline for the treatment of new corona-virus.

##### Main outcome variables

Clinical symptoms changes (dry cough, respiratory distress, fever)

#### General information

##### Reason for update

The study is complete.

##### Acronym

##### IRCT registration information

IRCT registration number: **IRCT20080901001165N55**

Registration date: **2020-05-23, 1399/03/03**

Registration timing: **registered\_while\_recruiting**

Last update: **2022-04-15, 1401/01/26**

Update count: **1**

##### Registration date

2020-05-23, 1399/03/03

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##### Recruitment status

**Recruitment complete**

##### Funding source

##### Expected recruitment start date

2020-05-13, 1399/02/24

##### Expected recruitment end date

2020-08-14, 1399/05/24

##### Actual recruitment start date

2020-05-14, 1399/02/25

##### Actual recruitment end date

2020-08-15, 1399/05/25

##### Trial completion date

2020-08-31, 1399/06/10

##### Scientific title

Investigating the efficacy and safety of N-Acetyl Cysteine

(NAC) inhalation spray in controlling the symptoms of patients with COVID-19

### Public title

Investigating the efficacy and safety of N-Acetyl Cysteine (NAC) inhalation spray in controlling the symptoms of patients with COVID-19

### Purpose

Treatment

### Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

#### Inclusion criteria:

Age: equal or more than 18 years; The patient have written consciously and freely consent to participate in the study; The patient's clinical symptoms (dry cough, shortness of breath, fever) confirm COVID-19. Confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19, with either lung CT-Scan result, which is typical for COVID-19 pulmonary involvement, or RT-PCR confirmation. Less than 7 days have passed since the onset of symptoms.

#### Exclusion criteria:

History of allergy to this nasal spray ingredients; The patient is in another clinical trial at the same time; The patient needs to receive medical care from the intensive care unit; Pregnancy; Lactation.

### Age

From **18 years** old

### Gender

Both

### Phase

3

### Groups that have been masked

*No information*

### Sample size

Target sample size: **250**

Actual sample size reached: **250**

### Randomization (investigator's opinion)

Randomized

### Randomization description

Block Randomization method is used to randomized the patients. In this method, the number of people assigned to each group is usually almost equal. Blocks are formed based on the considered variables and within each block, half of the people are involved and half are considered as witnesses. The main goal in this method is to balance the number of participants in each group.

### 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 Baqiyatallah University of Medical Science

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##### Approval date

2020-05-02, 1399/02/13

##### Ethics committee reference number

IR.BMSU.REC.1399.123

## Health conditions studied

### 1

#### Description of health condition studied

COVID-19

#### ICD-10 code

U07.1

#### ICD-10 code description

Covid-19

## Primary outcomes

### 1

#### Description

Clinical symptoms (dry cough)

#### Timepoint

Daily monitoring, but the result of baseline (before the initiation of intervention), and day 7 from the initiation, is recorded.

#### Method of measurement

Physical examination, questionnaire

### 2

#### Description

Clinical symptoms (respiratory distress)

#### Timepoint

Daily monitoring, but the result of baseline (before the initiation of intervention), and day 7 from the initiation, is recorded.

#### Method of measurement

Pulse-oxymetry device

### 3

#### Description

Clinical symptoms (fever)

#### Timepoint

Daily monitoring, but the result of baseline (before the initiation of intervention), and day 7 from the initiation, is

recorded.

**Method of measurement**

Thermometer

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

Lab. tests changes

**Timepoint**

Daily monitoring, but the before the intervention initiation (baseline) and day 7 results will recorded on designed checklist.

**Method of measurement**

Blood sample, laboratory analysis

**2****Description**

Side effects

**Timepoint**

Daily monitoring, but the before the intervention initiation (baseline) and day 7 results will recorded on designed checklist.

**Method of measurement**

Physical examination

**Intervention groups****1****Description**

Intervention group: NAC inhalation spray (200 microgram NAC/puff) 1 puff every 12 hours, for 7 days (In addition to routine treatment according to the latest national guideline for the treatment of new corona-virus)

**Category**

Treatment - Drugs

**2****Description**

Control group: Routine treatment according to the latest national guideline for the treatment of new corona-virus.

**Category**

Treatment - Drugs

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Yes

**Title of funding source**

Bagheiat-allah University of Medical Sciences

**Proportion provided by this source**

80

**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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No  
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Baqiyatallah University of Medical Science  
**Proportion provided by this source**  
20  
**Public or private sector**  
Private  
**Domestic or foreign origin**  
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**Category of foreign source of funding**  
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**Type of organization providing the funding**  
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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**  
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**

Undecided - It is not yet known if there will be 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