Clinical Trial Protocol
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Evaluation the effect of meal pattern on hepatic fibrosis, steatosis, and enzymes, lipid profile, and anthropometric measurements in patient with non alcoholic fatty liver disease

Protocol summary

Study aim

Determining the effect of meal pattern on fibrosis, steatosis and liver enzymes, lipid profile, and anthropometric indices in patients with non-alcoholic fatty liver

Design

A controlled randomized clinical trial with a parallel group design of 112 patients

Settings and conduct

The present study is a parallel controlled randomized clinical trial for 3 months with the aim of investigating the pattern of meals on fibrosis, steatosis and liver enzymes, lipid profile and anthropometric indices in patients with NAFLD referred to the gastrointestinal clinic in Imam Khomeini Hospital will be performed in Urmia.

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria: Non-alchoholic fatty liver disease patients older than 18 years of both sexes. Exclusion criteria: Having special diets, Pregnancy and lactation during the study, Viral hepatitis and ascites, Alcohol consumption ,Diabetes mellitus

Intervention groups

The first group: it will be recommended to skip their breakfast and during the day, in addition to lunch and dinner, receive two snacks in the evening and at the end of the night.The second group: they will be advised to skip their dinner and during the day, in addition to breakfast and lunch, they will receive two snacks and their last daily meal will be in the evening.Group 3: It will be recommended to receive only three main meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) during the day. Fourth or control group: In addition to the three main meals, it will be recommended to have three snacks.

Main outcome variables

steatosis and liver fibrosis, mean serum concentrations of liver enzymes including ALT, AST, ALP and GGT, mean serum concentrations of lipid and lipoprotein profiles including HDL-c, LDL-c, total cholesterol and triglycerides.

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

IRCT registration information

IRCT registration number: **IRCT20201010048982N2**
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Registration date

2021-08-22, 1400/05/31

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

Expected recruitment start date

2021-06-20, 1400/03/30

Expected recruitment end date

2021-09-21, 1400/06/30

Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date

empty

Trial completion date

empty

Scientific title

Evaluation the effect of meal pattern on hepatic fibrosis, steatosis, and enzymes, lipid profile, and anthropometric measurements in patient with non alcoholic fatty liver disease

Public title

Evaluation the effect of meal pattern on Non alcoholic fatty liver disease

Purpose

Education/Guidance

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria:

older than 18 years of both sexes Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease diagnosed by FibroScan. Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease

Exclusion criteria:

Having special diets Viral hepatitis and ascites Alcohol consumption Diabetes mellitus kidney Diseases

Age

From **18 years** old

Gender

Both

Phase

N/A

Groups that have been masked

No information

Sample size

Target sample size: **112**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)

Randomized

Randomization description

Eligible samples will be randomly divided into intervention and control groups. The intervention groups will be given codes A, B, C and the control group will receive code D. The study blocking is as follows: All block modes of these 4 groups are 24 numbers: ABCD, ABDC, ACDB, ACBD, ADBC, ADCB, BACD, BADC, BCAD, BCDA, BDAC, BDCA, CABD, CADB, CBAD, CBDA , CDAB, CDBA, DABC, DASB, DBCA, DBAC, DCAB, DCBA. These blocks will be placed in sealed envelopes inside a container. Then they will be drawn one by one, the first block to be removed will be selected as the first block. In fact, this will be repeated 28 times to complete the sample size. In this way, people enter the study and thus will be divided into groups.

Blinding (investigator's opinion)

Not blinded

Blinding description

Placebo

Not used

Assignment

Parallel

Other design features

Secondary Ids

empty

Ethics committees

1

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2021-01-23, 1399/11/04

Ethics committee reference number

IR.UMSU.REC.1399.350

Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied

Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease

ICD-10 code

K76.0

ICD-10 code description

Fatty (change of) liver, not elsewhere classified

Primary outcomes

1

Description

Fibrosis

Timepoint

At the beginning and end of the study (beginning and end of 3 months)

Method of measurement

FibroScan

2

Description

Liver enzymes

Timepoint

At the beginning and end of the study (beginning and end of 3 months)

Method of measurement

At the beginning and end of the study, 5 cc of venous blood sample will be taken after 12 hours of fasting

3

Description

Steatosis

Timepoint

At the beginning and end of the study (beginning and end of 3 months)

Method of measurement
At the beginning and end of the study, 5 cc of venous blood sample will be taken after 12 hours of fasting

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Description
Lipid profile
Timepoint
At the beginning and end of the study (beginning and end of 3 months)
Method of measurement
At the beginning and end of the study, 5 cc of venous blood sample will be taken after 12 hours of fasting

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Description
Anthropometric measurements
Timepoint
At the beginning and end of the study (beginning and end of 3 months)
Method of measurement
At the beginning and end of the study, 5 cc of venous blood sample will be taken after 12 hours of fasting

Secondary outcomes

empty

Intervention groups

1

Description
Intervention group 1: It will be recommended to eliminate their breakfast and during the day, in addition to lunch and dinner, receive two snacks in the evening and at the end of the night.
Category
Lifestyle

2

Description
Intervention group 2: They will be advised to skip dinner and have two snacks during the day in addition to breakfast and lunch, and their last daily meal will be in the evening.
Category
Lifestyle

3

Description
Intervention group 3: It will be recommended to eat only three main meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) during the day.
Category
Lifestyle

4

Description
Control group: It will be recommended to have three main meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) and three snacks.
Category
Lifestyle

Recruitment centers

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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

Oroumia 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

Person responsible for general inquiries

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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

Not applicable

Informed Consent Form

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

Clinical Study Report

Not applicable

Analytic Code

Not applicable

Data Dictionary

Not applicable