

Clinical Trial Protocol

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The effect of omega-3 supplementation on renal biomarkers in patients with diabetic nephropathy

Protocol summary

Study aim

Effect of omega-3 supplementation on renal biomarkers in patients with diabetic nephropathy

Design

Two-arm parallel group, placebo-controlled double blind clinical trial

Settings and conduct

In this double-blind randomized clinical trial, 60 patients with type 2 and 1 diabetic nephropathy who referred to the Rasoul-akram clinic were selected by convenience sampling method and randomly assigned into control and intervention groups. A questionnaire containing demographic information of patients at the time of enrollment is completed. Both groups are matched in terms of receiving conventional treatment and HbA1C level. Patients in the intervention group receive conventional treatments and omega-3 capsules and in the control group receive conventional and placebo treatments. Random blood and urine samples of patients are collected to measure the urinary creatinine-to-albumin ratio, and the ratio, protein-to-creatinine ratio, GFR, and serum levels of creatinine, albumin, urea.

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria: Patients with type 1 and type 2 diabetic nephropathy and glomerular purification rate more than 60 ml / min and over 21 years of age

Exclusion criteria: Uncontrolled hypertension, hyperlipidemia, urinary tract infection and heart failure, dose adjustment of drugs, warfarin use, allergy or omega-3 intolerance

Intervention groups

Patients in the intervention group would receive conventional treatments and omega-3 capsules (1000 mg daily for 12 weeks) and the placebo group receive conventional treatment and placebo (continued for 12 weeks).

Main outcome variables

Creatinine and blood urea; urinary creatinine and albumin; blood pressure ; glomerular filtration rate

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

IRCT registration information

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

Expected recruitment start date

2022-05-05, 1401/02/15

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2022-09-06, 1401/06/15

Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date

empty

Trial completion date

empty

Scientific title

The effect of omega-3 supplementation on renal biomarkers in patients with diabetic nephropathy

Public title

The effect of omega-3 supplementation on renal biomarkers in patients with diabetic nephropathy

Purpose

Treatment

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria:

Patients with type 1 and type 2 diabetic nephropathy
Fasting blood sugar more than 126 mg/ dl and/ or taking glucose-lowering drugs or insulin Proteinuria is more than 300 mg per day Glomerular filtration rate more than 60 ml per minute Minimum 21 years of age

Exclusion criteria:

Uncontrolled hypertension Hyperlipidemia Urinary tract infection Heart failure Changing the dose of medication Taking warfarin Allergies or omega-3 intolerance

Age

From **21 years** old

Gender

Both

Phase

3

Groups that have been masked

- Participant
- Care provider

Sample size

Target sample size: **60**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)

Randomized

Randomization description

Sampling of patients will be available as two groups are blocked by random allocation method and two groups of 30 people are formed with the help of software

Blinding (investigator's opinion)

Double blinded

Blinding description

Participants and physicians are unaware that omega-3s are a drug or a placebo

Placebo

Used

Assignment

Parallel

Other design features

Secondary Ids

empty

Ethics committees

1

Ethics committee

Name of ethics committee

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2021-08-24, 1400/06/02

Ethics committee reference number

IR.SKUMS.REC.1400.112

Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied

Diabetic nephropathy

ICD-10 code

E08.21

ICD-10 code description

Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with diabetic nephropathy;

Primary outcomes

1

Description

Blood creatinine level

Timepoint

Before the intervention and 12 weeks after the intervention

Method of measurement

High-performance liquid chromatography

2

Description

Blood urea level

Timepoint

Before the intervention and 12 weeks after the intervention

Method of measurement

Enzyme assay

3

Description

Urine creatinine

Timepoint

Before the intervention and 12 weeks after the intervention

Method of measurement

High-performance liquid chromatography

4

Description

Urine Albumin

Timepoint

Before the intervention and 12 weeks after the

intervention

Method of measurement

BCG (Bromocresol Green) Albumin Assay Kit

5

Description

Blood pressure

Timepoint

Before the intervention and 12 weeks after the intervention

Method of measurement

Manometer

6

Description

Glomerular filtration rate

Timepoint

Before the intervention and 12 weeks after the intervention

Method of measurement

Using the CKD-EPI formula

Secondary outcomes

empty

Intervention groups

1

Description

Intervention group: Conventional treatment and omega-3

Category

Treatment - Drugs

2

Description

Control group: Conventional treatment and placebo

Category

Placebo

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

Shahre-kord 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

Contact

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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

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