

Clinical Trial Protocol

Iranian Registry of Clinical Trials

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Therapeutic effects of oral zinc supplementation in acute watery diarrhea of children with moderate dehydration: a double blind randomized clinical trial

Protocol summary

Summary

Objective: to assess the therapeutic effects of oral zinc supplementation in acute watery diarrhea of children with moderate dehydration. This double blind randomized clinical trial was done in Urmia. Methods: all 9 months to 5 years old children who were admitted with acute watery diarrhea and moderate dehydration at Children Ward of Motahari Hospital, Urmia, Iran in 2008 were recruited. After applying inclusion and exclusion criteria, patients were randomly allocated in two groups; receiving zinc sulfate (zinc syrup 1 mg/kg/day divided in two doses)+ oral rehydration solution (ORS) or placebo + ORS. A detailed questionnaire was filled daily for each patient by trained pediatrics residents containing required demographic characteristics, nutrition and hydration status and disease progression. Two groups compared for study outcomes.

General information

Acronym

IRCT registration information

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

Vice Challencor for research, Urmia University of Medical Sciences

Expected recruitment start date

2008-04-02, 1387/01/14

Expected recruitment end date

2009-03-19, 1387/12/29

Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date

empty

Trial completion date

empty

Scientific title

Therapeutic effects of oral zinc supplementation in acute watery diarrhea of children with moderate dehydration: a double blind randomized clinical trial

Public title

Therapeutic effects of oral zinc supplementation in acute watery diarrhea of children

Purpose

Treatment

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria: all 9 months to 5 years old children who were admitted with acute watery diarrhea and moderate dehydration at Children Ward of Motahari Hospital, Urmia, Iran in 2008 were recruited. The exclusion criteria were diagnosed chronic disease (Cystic

fibrosis, inflammatory bowel diseases, malabsorption); severe malnutrition (weight curve's was under percentage 3% for age); dysentery and bloody diarrhea confirmed with existence of red blood cell (RBC) or white blood cell (WBC) in stool examination (S/E); recent consumption of antibiotics; severe dehydration or persistent vomiting; recent consumption of zinc supplements (last month) and drug intolerance.

Age

From **1 year** old to **5 years** old

Gender

Both

Phase

3

Groups that have been masked

No information

Sample size

Target sample size: **320**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)

Randomized

Randomization description

Blinding (investigator's opinion)

Double blinded

Blinding description

Placebo

Used

Assignment

Parallel

Other design features

Secondary Ids

empty

Ethics committees

1

Ethics committee

Name of ethics committee

Urmia University of Medical Sciences

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Resalat Ave

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Approval date

2008-12-02, 1387/09/12

Ethics committee reference number

39

Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied

Acute Watery Diarrhea

ICD-10 code

A09.9

ICD-10 code description

Gastroenteritis and colitis of unspecified origin

Primary outcomes

1

Description

Stop Diarrhea

Timepoint

daily

Method of measurement

study of records & asking from mother

2

Description

Stool consistency

Timepoint

daily

Method of measurement

Mothers report

Secondary outcomes

1

Description

admission period

Timepoint

days of admission

Method of measurement

days recorded in dossier

Intervention groups

1

Description

Zinc Sulfate Syrup, 1mg/kg/day/BID

Category

Treatment - Drugs

2

Description

Placebo with similar taste, color and smell was applied with similar option (1 ml/kg/day) for control group.

Category

Placebo

Recruitment centers

1

Recruitment center

Name of recruitment center

Shahid Motahari Hospital

Full name of responsible person

Shahryar Kamali, pediatrics Resident

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Sponsors / Funding sources

1

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Name of organization / entity

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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

Vice Chencellor for Research, Urmia Univesity of Medical Sciences

Proportion provided by this source

100

Public or private sector

empty

Domestic or foreign origin

empty

Category of foreign source of funding

empty

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

empty

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Sharing plan

Deidentified Individual Participant Data Set (IPD)

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Study Protocol

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Statistical Analysis Plan

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Informed Consent Form

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Clinical Study Report

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Analytic Code

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Data Dictionary

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