Clinical Trial Protocol
Iranian Registry of Clinical Trials

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Does midazolam plus haloperidol enhance morphine analgesia in opium dependent patients? A randomized clinical trial

Protocol summary

Summary

Objectives: To investigate the efficacy of Intramuscular haloperidol plus midazolam as co-analgesics among opium dependent patients in the emergency department. Design: Double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled trial. Setting and conduct: From September 2011 to September 2012, participants were randomly assigned in either group A or B. A nurse who was blinded to the participants was administered the drugs. Participants, including major eligibility criteria: Adult (18 years and older) patients who were opium dependent and had been admitted to the emergency department because of pain. Exclusion criteria: Age below 18 years; refuse to participation in the trial; inability to express or evaluate the pain (loss of consciousness, non-verbal patients due to articulation problems or mental decline); systolic blood pressure under 100 mm Hg; long QT interval in electrocardiogram and pregnancy. Intervention: Group A received morphine 0.05 mg/kg intravenously (IV) and a mixture of midazolam 2.5 mg and haloperidol 2.5 mg [diluted in 5 cc of distilled water, intramuscular (IM)]; group B received morphine 0.05 mg/kg IV and distilled water 5 cc, IM. Main outcome measures: 1. Pain intensity based on numeric rating scale from 0 to 10, before and 1, 3 and 6 hours following intervention 2. Total doses of morphine, administered in case of inadequate pain control, 3. Hemodynamic status and level of consciousness of participants.

General information

Acronym

IRCT registration information

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Registration date

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

Vice chancellor for research,Tehran University of Medical Sciences

Expected recruitment start date

2011-09-23, 1390/07/01

Expected recruitment end date

2012-09-22, 1391/07/01

Actual recruitment start date

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Actual recruitment end date

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Trial completion date

empty

Scientific title

Does midazolam plus haloperidol enhance morphine analgesia in opium dependent patients? A randomized clinical trial

Public title

Does midazolam plus haloperidol enhance morphine effect in opium dependent patients?

Purpose

Treatment

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria: Adult (18 years and older) patients who were opium dependent and had been admitted to the emergency department because of pain. Exclusion criteria: Age below 18 years; refuse to participation in the trial; inability to express or evaluate the pain (loss of consciousness, non-verbal patients due to articulation problems or mental decline); systolic blood pressure under 100 mm Hg; long QT interval in electrocardiogram and pregnancy.

Age

From **18 years** old to **139 years** old

Gender

Both

Phase

2-3

Groups that have been masked

No information

Sample size

Target sample size: **87**

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

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Name of ethics committee

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2011-09-23, 1390/07/01

Ethics committee reference number

1137435

Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied

Opium dependence syndrome

ICD-10 code

F11.2

ICD-10 code description

Mental and behavioral disorders due to use of opioids : dependence syndrome

Primary outcomes

1

Description

Pain intensity

Timepoint

Pre-intervention and at 1,3,6 hours post intervention

Method of measurement

Numerical Rating Scale

2

Description

Morphine doses

Timepoint

1,3 and 6 hours post-intervention

Method of measurement

Total doses of morphine (mg)

Secondary outcomes

1

Description

Side effects

Timepoint

1,3and 6 hours post intervention

Method of measurement

Observation and clinical examination

Intervention groups

1

Description

Controls were received intravenous morphine 0.05 mg/kg and 5 cc of intramuscular distilled water.

Category

Treatment - Drugs

2

Description

Cases were received intravenous morphine 0.05 mg/kg and intramuscular mixture of haloperidol 2.5 mg plus midazolam2.5 mg diluted in 5 cc of distilled water.

Category

Treatment - Drugs

Recruitment centers

1

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1

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Grant code / Reference number
Is the source of funding the same sponsor organization/entity?
Yes
Title of funding source
Vice chancellor for research, Tehran University of Medical Sciences
Proportion provided by this source
100
Public or private sector
empty
Domestic or foreign origin
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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
empty
Informed Consent Form
empty
Clinical Study Report

empty

Analytic Code

empty

Data Dictionary

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