Clinical Trial Protocol
Iranian Registry of Clinical Trials

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Buspirone as an adjunct to Risperidone for chronic schizophrenia: A double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled study

Protocol summary

Summary
The objective of this randomized, double-blind, placebo controlled study is to test the hypothesis that the addition of Buspirone would improve psychopathology in subjects with schizophrenia treated with Risperidone. 46 patients with chronic DSM-IV-diagnosed schizophrenia will receive Risperidone (6 mg/day) combined with either placebo (N=23) or 60 mg/day of Buspirone (N=23) for 8 weeks. Efficacy will be defined as the change from baseline to endpoint in score on the Positive and Negative Syndrome Scale (PANSS). Side effects will be also evaluated using checklist and Extra-pyramidal Symptoms Rating Scale.

General information

Acronym
IRCT registration information
IRCT registration number: **IRCT138712051556N8**
Registration date: **2009-03-14, 1387/12/24**
Registration timing: **registered_while_recruiting**

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Recruitment status
Recruitment complete
Funding source
Tehran University of Medical Sciences

Expected recruitment start date
2006-04-20, 1385/01/31
Expected recruitment end date
2009-05-20, 1388/02/30
Actual recruitment start date
empty
Actual recruitment end date
empty
Trial completion date
empty

Scientific title
Buspirone as an adjunct to Risperidone for chronic schizophrenia: A double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled study

Public title
Buspirone in the treatment of schizophrenia
Purpose
Treatment
Inclusion/Exclusion criteria
Inclusion Criteria: Age between 18-55, Diagnosis of Schizophrenia based on DSM IV 3 chronic Schizophrenia, Minimum Score of 60 on Positive and Negative Scale
Exclusion Criteria: Substance dependence, Pregnancy and breast feeding, Any medical problem
Age
From **18 years** old to **55 years** old
Gender
Both

Phase
2-3
Groups that have been masked
No information

Sample size
Target sample size: **46**
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
Tehran University of Medical Sciences
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Approval date
2006-04-20, 1385/01/31
Ethics committee reference number
3838

Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied
Schizophrenia
ICD-10 code
F20
ICD-10 code description
Schizophrenia

Primary outcomes

1

Description
Severity of schizophrenia
Timepoint
Baseline and weeks 2-4-6-8 after beginig of treatment
Method of measurement
Positive and Negative Syndrome Scale (PANSS)

Secondary outcomes

empty

Intervention groups

1

Description
Tablet Risperidone (6 mg/day) combined with 60 mg/day of Tablets Buspirone as intervention group for 8 weeks
Category
Treatment - Drugs

2

Description
Tablets Risperidone (6 mg/day) combined with Tablets placebo as control group for 8 weeks
Category
Treatment - Drugs

Recruitment centers

1

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Name of recruitment center
Roozbeh Psychiaty Hospital
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1

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Is the source of funding the same sponsor organization/entity?
Yes
Title of funding source
Tehran University 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
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Sharing plan

Deidentified Individual Participant Data Set (IPD)
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Study Protocol
empty
Statistical Analysis Plan
empty
Informed Consent Form
empty
Clinical Study Report
empty
Analytic Code
empty
Data Dictionary
empty