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Trial registered on ANZCTR

Trial ID

ACTRN12616000859482

Ethics application status

Approved

Date submitted

6/04/2016

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30/06/2016

Type of registration

Prospectively registered

Titles & IDs

Public title

The efficacy of mangosteen pericarp fruit extract for the treatment of schizophrenia.

Scientific title

The efficacy of adjunctive *Garcinia mangostana* Linn. (mangosteen) pericarp for the treatment of schizophrenia: A 24-week double blind randomised placebo controlled trial

Secondary ID [1]

Nil

Universal Trial Number (UTN)

Trial acronym

MANGO SZ/CADENCE-M

Health condition

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied:

Schizophrenia

Condition category

Condition code

Mental Health

Schizophrenia

Alternative and Complementary Medicine

Other alternative and complementary medicine

Intervention/exposure

Study type

Interventional

Description of intervention(s) / exposure

Total daily dose of 1000mg of Garcinia mangostana L. (mangosteen dried fruit pericarp encapsulated in gelatine capsules): 500mg 2 capsules once a day with food.

Duration of treatment: 24 weeks

Participants will be instructed to return unused medication which will be calculated and documented to determine medication adherence.

Intervention code [1]

Treatment: Other

Comparator / control treatment

Total daily dose of 1000mg of rice flour weighted gelatine capsules: 500mg 2 capsules once a day with food.

Duration of treatment: 24 weeks

Control group

Placebo

Outcomes

Primary outcome [1]

The primary outcome will be the change in schizophrenia symptom severity on PANSS total score.

Timepoint [1]

Baseline, weeks 4,8,12,16,20, primary endpoint week 24, post-discontinuation week 28.

Secondary outcome [1]

The change in PANSS Positive subscale.

Timepoint [1]

Baseline, weeks 4,8,12,16,20, primary endpoint week 24, post-discontinuation week 28.

Secondary outcome [2]

The change in depressive symptoms using MADRS.

Timepoint [2]

Baseline, weeks 4,8,12,16,20, primary endpoint week 24, post discontinuation week 28

Secondary outcome [3]

The change in participant life satisfaction rated on the self-reporting scale (Q-LES-Q)

Timepoint [3]

Baseline, week 4,12,16,20, primary endpoint week 24 and post-discontinuation week 28.

Secondary outcome [4]

The change in functioning measures using the Global Assessment of Functioning Scale (GAF)

Timepoint [4]

Baseline, weeks 4,8,12,16,20, primary endpoint week 24 and post-discontinuation week 28.

Secondary outcome [5]

The change in functioning measures using the LIFE-RIFT scale.

Timepoint [5]

Baseline, week 4,8,12,16,20, primary outcome week 24 and post-discontinuation week 28.

Secondary outcome [6]

The change in participant perception using the Patient Global Impression Scale (PGI).

Timepoint [6]

Week 4,8,12,16,20, primary endpoint week 24 and post-discontinuation week 28.

Secondary outcome [7]

The change in participant cognition using Cogstate computerised cognitive testing (Cogstate).

Timepoint [7]

Baseline and primary endpoint week 24.

Secondary outcome [8]

The changes in tobacco use will be recorded using the Opiate Treatment Index (OTI).

Timepoint [8]

Baseline and primary endpoint week 24.

Secondary outcome [9]

Blood samples are being collected at baseline and the end of the treatment phase (week 24). We expect to explore oxidative stress factors, including cytokines, thiobarbituric acid reactive substances and total antioxidant capacity. However, as the field of biological psychiatry is rapidly moving, these will be exploratory investigations for which the targets may change by the end of the trial. Participants are providing blood samples as an optional extra to the trial and have signed unspecified consent to allow all relevant and unforeseen investigations to occur at the completion of the study.

Timepoint [9]

Baseline, primary endpoint week 24 and post-discontinuation week 28.

Secondary outcome [10]

The change in PANSS Negative subscale

Timepoint [10]

Baseline, weeks 4,8,12,16,20, primary endpoint week 24, post-discontinuation week 28.

Secondary outcome [11]

The change in PANSS General Psychopathology subscale

Timepoint [11]

Baseline, weeks 4,8,12,16,20, primary endpoint week 24, post-discontinuation week 28.

Secondary outcome [12]

The changes in alcohol use will be recorded using the Opiate Treatment Index (OTI).

Timepoint [12]

Baseline and primary endpoint week 24.

Secondary outcome [13]

The changes in heroin use will be recorded using the Opiate Treatment Index (OTI).

Timepoint [13]

Baseline and primary endpoint week 24.

Secondary outcome [14]

The changes in other opiates use will be recorded using the Opiate Treatment Index (OTI).

Timepoint [14]

Baseline and primary endpoint week 24.

Secondary outcome [15]

The changes in cannabis use will be recorded using the Opiate Treatment Index (OTI)

Timepoint [15]

Baseline and primary endpoint week 24.

Secondary outcome [16]

The changes in amphetamine use will be recorded using the Opiate Treatment Index (OTI)

Timepoint [16]

Baseline and primary endpoint week 24.

Secondary outcome [17]

The changes in cocaine use will be recorded using the Opiate Treatment Index (OTI)

Timepoint [17]

Baseline and primary endpoint week 24.

Secondary outcome [18]

The changes in (illicit) benzodiazepine use will be recorded using the Opiate Treatment Index (OTI)

Timepoint [18]

Baseline and primary endpoint week 24.

Secondary outcome [19]

The changes in barbiturates use will be recorded using the Opiate Treatment Index (OTI)

Timepoint [19]

Baseline and primary endpoint week 24.

Secondary outcome [20]

The changes in hallucinogens use will be recorded using the Opiate Treatment Index (OTI)

Timepoint [20]

Baseline and primary endpoint week 24.

Secondary outcome [21]

The changes in inhalants use will be recorded using the Opiate Treatment Index (OTI)

Timepoint [21]

Baseline and primary endpoint week 24.

Secondary outcome [22]

The changes in synthetic drugs use will be recorded using the Opiate Treatment Index (OTI)

Timepoint [22]

Baseline and primary endpoint week 24.

Secondary outcome [23]

The changes in the occurrence of tardive dyskinesia using the Abnormal Involuntary Movement Scale

Timepoint [23]

Baseline, weeks 4,8,12,16,20, primary endpoint week 24, post-discontinuation week 28.

Secondary outcome [24]

The changes in overall illness severity, improvement or change and therapeutic response using the Clinical Global Impression

Timepoint [24]

Baseline, weeks 4,8,12,16,20, primary endpoint week 24, post-discontinuation week 28.

Secondary outcome [25]

The changes in alcohol use using the Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test

Timepoint [25]

Baseline and primary endpoint week 24.

Secondary outcome [26]

The changes in level of nicotine dependence using the Fagerstrom Test for Nicotine Dependence

Timepoint [26]

Baseline and primary endpoint week 24.

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

1. Being 18 years or older
2. Have a DSM-V diagnosis of schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder.
3. Score greater than or equal to 54 on the PANSS total score or have a CGI-S score of greater than or equal to 3.
4. Participants currently under therapy for schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder will need to have been on that primary therapy for at least four weeks prior to randomization.
5. Have the capacity to consent to the study and comply with the procedures.
6. Be using effective contraception if female, sexually active and childbearing age.
7. Be able to speak, read, write and understand English language.
8. Participants will be required to nominate a current treating physician and will not be eligible to enter the study until one is identified.

Minimum age

18 Years

Maximum age

No limit

Gender

Both males and females

Can healthy volunteers participate?

No

Key exclusion criteria

1. Participants with a known or suspected active systemic medical disorder.
2. Individuals who are pregnant or lactating.
3. Participants currently enrolled in any other intervention study.
4. Individuals who are intolerant, allergic to or have had an anaphylactic reaction to any of the components of the preparation.
5. Inability to comply with either the requirements of informed consent or treatment protocol.

Study design

Purpose of the study

Treatment

Allocation to intervention

Randomised controlled trial

Procedure for enrolling a subject and allocating the treatment (allocation concealment procedures)

Participants will be recruited through various recruitment avenues including advertisements through local newspapers, flyers in medical waiting rooms, pharmacies and university campuses. Direct contact will be made with potential referral sources consisting of general practitioners, community mental health teams, the disability support sector, support groups, private psychiatrists and local psychiatric inpatient unit.

Trial clinicians will contact all participants referred to the trial to schedule an initial face-to-face screening interview to establish written consent, that inclusion criteria are satisfied and confirm the DSM-V diagnosis of schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder with a PANSS total score of greater than or equal to 54 or CGI greater than or equal to 3. Participants will be randomised in the *Garcinia mangostana* Linn group or placebo group and will be allocated a study number for trial identification purposes. Packs will be allocated sequentially and bottles are identical so as to conceal treatment allocation and blinding. To facilitate the double-blinding process, the trial medications will be dispensed by an independent pharmacist in identical numbers and capsule forms in sealed containers. The trial statistician and trial clinicians will be blinded to the group allocation.

Methods used to generate the sequence in which subjects will be randomised (sequence generation)

Allocation to treatment arm will be randomly assigned using 1:1 ratio (active to placebo) using permuted block randomisation. An independent researcher will develop the computer-generated randomisation plan.

Masking / blinding

Blinded (masking used)

Who is / are masked / blinded?

The people receiving the treatment/s

The people administering the treatment/s

The people assessing the outcomes

The people analysing the results/data

Intervention assignment

Parallel

Other design features

Phase

Phase 2

Type of endpoint(s)

Efficacy

Recruitment

Anticipated date of first participant enrolment

6/07/2016

Actual date of first participant enrolment

Anticipated date last participant enrolled

1/09/2018

Actual date last participant enrolled

Anticipated date of last data collection

Actual date of last data collection

Target sample size

150

Actual sample size

Recruitment status

Not yet recruiting

Recruitment in Australia

Recruitment state(s)

QLD,VIC

Recruitment hospital [1]

Royal Brisbane & Womens Hospital - Herston

Recruitment hospital [2]

Ipswich Hospital - Ipswich

Recruitment hospital [3]

The Prince Charles Hospital - Chermside

Recruitment hospital [4]

Gold Coast Hospital - Southport

Recruitment hospital [5]

Logan Hospital - Meadowbrook

Recruitment hospital [6]

Princess Alexandra Hospital - Woolloongabba

Recruitment hospital [7]

Barwon Health - Geelong Hospital campus - Geelong

Recruitment hospital [8]

The Geelong Clinic - St Albans Park

Recruitment postcode(s) [1]

3220 - Geelong

Recruitment postcode(s) [2]

4305 - Ipswich

Recruitment postcode(s) [3]

4006 - Herston

Recruitment postcode(s) [4]

4032 - Chermside

Recruitment postcode(s) [5]

4215 - Southport

Recruitment postcode(s) [6]

4122 - Upper Mount Gravatt

Recruitment postcode(s) [7]

4131 - Meadowbrook

Recruitment postcode(s) [8]

3219 - St Albans Park

Recruitment postcode(s) [9]

3214 - Corio

Recruitment postcode(s) [10]

3215 - Bell Park

Recruitment postcode(s) [11]

3228 - Torquay

Recruitment postcode(s) [12]

3216 - Belmont

Funding & Sponsors**Funding source category [1]**

Other

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Ethics approval**Ethics application status**

Approved

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Summary

Brief summary

There is evidence of anomalies in redox biology in schizophrenia; (i) the presence of oxidative stress (where the levels of antioxidants are decreased or the levels of free radicals are increased to a point that is damaging to the function of the cell, increasing inflammation) particularly implicating the glutathione system; (ii) changes in oxidative status with treatment; and (iii) evidence that other glutathione and redox active agents have therapeutic value.

Garcinia mangostana Linn, known colloquially as mangosteen, is a tropical evergreen fruit tree originating from Indonesia. Its rind or pericarp contains an exudate containing a large number of bioactive compounds called xanones that have robust effects on the glutathione system and many other pathways germane to schizophrenia. Motivated by the results of the first pilot randomised, double blind placebo trial of adjunctive *Garcinia mangostana* Linn for the treatment of schizophrenia we speculate that this research may uncover a new class of agents for the treatment of the disorder, and uncover novel pathophysiological pathways.

The trial involves 150 participants aged 18 years or older with a DSM-V diagnosis of schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder. Participants referred to the trial will have an initial face-to-face screening interview.

All randomised participants will receive two 500mg mangosteen pericarp capsules once a day to a total dose of 1000mg daily or placebo, in addition to treatment as usual, for 24 weeks. Assessment will occur at regular 4 weekly intervals throughout the 24 weeks and 1 month after completion of the study. The primary outcome will be the change in schizophrenia symptom severity using the PANSS total scale at the end of the 24-week treatment phase. The secondary outcomes will include changes in depressive symptoms, quality of life, functioning and life satisfaction which will be measured using the PANSS subscales, Q-LES-Q scale, GAF, LIFE-RIFT, PGI and Cogstate. Blood biomarkers will also be analysed. Blood samples will be obtained at baseline and at weeks 24 and 28. Blood will be analysed for relevant markers based on preclinical evidence including markers of antioxidant defence, oxidative stress and markers of inflammation. The research will have immediate and direct translational benefits. The safety and tolerability of *Garcinia mangostana* Linn, its affordability and accessibility and that the general public are accepting of plant-derived compounds, raise its attraction as a potential therapeutic agent.

Trial website

Trial related presentations / publications**Public notes****Attachments [1]**

[http://www.anzctr.org.au/AnzctrAttachments/368490-MANGO S StudyProtocol-V1-12-5-15-update.doc](http://www.anzctr.org.au/AnzctrAttachments/368490-MANGO_S_StudyProtocol-V1-12-5-15-update.doc)

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