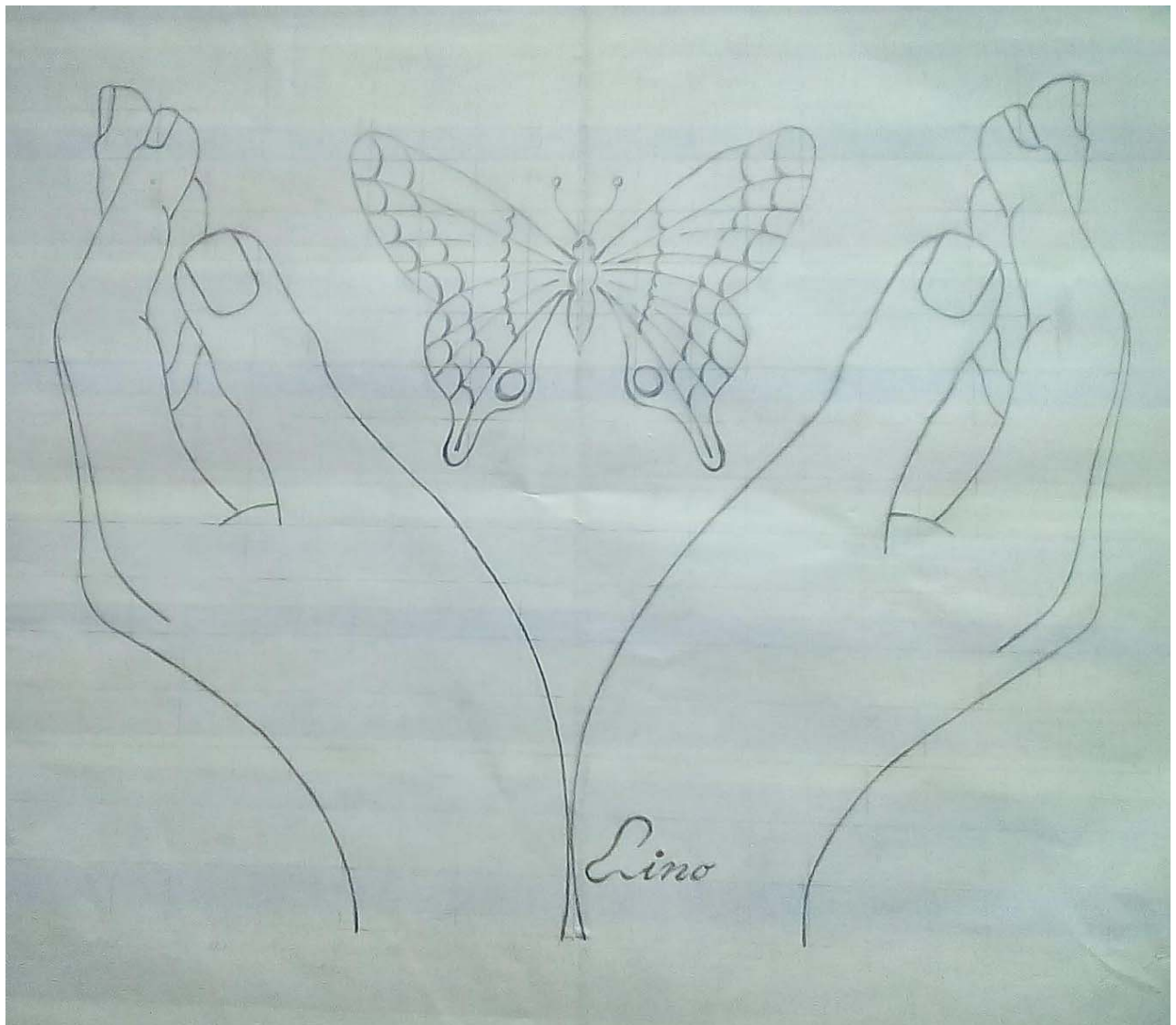


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Effect of Choline alphoscerate in the elderly: medical and nursing approach.

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ABSTRACT

Objective: The objective of this study is to evaluate the effect of choline alphoscerate (Gliatilin^R) by Mini Mental State Examination (MMSE) after 30 days and after 90 days of treatment. **Materials and Methods:** In July 2021, an observational study regarding the safety of treatment for cognitive impairment was carried out at the Department of General Medicine and at the Geriatric Clinic of the San Giovanni di Dio Hospital in Fondi, Latina (Italy). The proposed treatment is approved and available at local pharmacies, therefore only informed consent was requested for the processing of sensitive data and for non-invasive measurements, carried out in baseline conditions and after pharmacological treatment with choline alphoscerate. Enrollment in the study was voluntary. Patients and caregivers were given informed consent which explains in detail the rationale for the study, the methods by which it was conducted and the possibility of interrupting the study at any time. Sensitive data were processed in compliance with privacy legislation. The pilot study began in July 2021 and was carried out by collecting and processing data from patients at the Geriatric Clinic of the San Giovanni di Dio Hospital, Fondi (Latina). The data from the study are related to 120 patients (70 men and 50 women) suffering from Dementia (with MMSE 18 ± 4) and with an average age of 80 ± 7 years. All patients enrolled in the study provided their informed consent to the observational study. All patients continued home pharmacological treatments in respect with the ethical guidelines. As regards the use of scale, it has been standardized to the international reference system for laboratory tests and instrumental tests. Screening eligibility requirements included the age of at least 18 years old. All patients provided written informed consent for data collection. All patients enrolled in the study provided their informed consent to the observational study. **Results:** A

statistically significant improvement of the MMSE value ($18,692 \pm 3,881$ vs $21,077 \pm 4,010$) (with $P < 0,001^*$) after 30 days and MMSE value ($19,714 \pm 5,693$ vs $19,905 \pm 6,449$) (with $P = 0,047^*$) after 90 days of the treatment with (Gliatilin^R) has been observed. **Discussion and Conclusion:** The study was designed to provide evidence to support the efficacy of choline alfoscerate (Gliatilin^R) treatment in managing of Dementia in elderly patients. The data of the study underline that the treatment statistically improves the Mini Mental State Examination test. This experience has permitted to use choline alfoscerate in elderly patients with Dementia.

TABLE

| | Base (T0) Run-in periods | Control (T1) 30 days | Control (T2) 90 days | Probability ($P \leq 0,050$) |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ANOVA (MMSE) | $19,714 \pm 5,693$ | $20,667 \pm 5,219$ | $19,905 \pm 6,449$ | 0,049 * |
| ANOVA (MMSE-c) | $19,995 \pm 5,467$ | $21,095 \pm 4,962$ | $20,329 \pm 6,147$ | 0,049 * |

Table 1: Descriptive Statistics about Mini Mental State Examination standard (MMSE-s) and Mini Mental State Examination corrected for age and scholaryity (MMSE-c) evaluated before and after treatment with choline alfoscerate (Gliatilin^R) at a dosage of 600 mg administered orally 2 times a day for 30 Days (T1) and 90 days (T2). Anova data are expressed as mean \pm Standard Deviation (SD).

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