



CONSORT 2010 checklist of information to include when reporting a randomised trial*

Section/Topic	Item No	Checklist item	Reported on page No
Title and abstract			
	1a	Identification as a randomised trial in the title	Title Page, line 1
	1b	Structured summary of trial design, methods, results, and conclusions (for specific guidance see CONSORT for abstracts)	Abstract, pp. 2-3
Introduction			
Background and objectives	2a	Scientific background and explanation of rationale	Background, pp.3-6
	2b	Specific objectives or hypotheses	p. 6 paragraph 2
Methods			
Trial design	3a	Description of trial design (such as parallel, factorial) including allocation ratio	Methods, paragraph 1 (page 6) Randomization and power, paragraph 2 (p13)
	3b	Important changes to methods after trial commencement (such as eligibility criteria), with reasons	N/A
	4a	Eligibility criteria for participants	Methods, paragraph 2 (page 7)
	4b	Settings and locations where the data were collected	Methods, paragraph 3 (page 7)
Interventions	5	The interventions for each group with sufficient details to allow replication, including how and when they were actually administered	Intervention, p.8; Decision Aids, pp. 8-10

Outcomes	6a	Completely defined pre-specified primary and secondary outcome measures, including how and when they were assessed	Outcomes, pp.10-13
	6b	Any changes to trial outcomes after the trial commenced, with reasons	N/A
Sample size	7a	How sample size was determined	Randomization and power, paragraph 3
	7b	When applicable, explanation of any interim analyses and stopping guidelines	N/A
Randomisation: Sequence generation	8a	Method used to generate the random allocation sequence	Randomization and power, paragraph 2 (page 13)
	8b	Type of randomisation; details of any restriction (such as blocking and block size)	Randomization and power, paragraph 2 (page 13)
Allocation concealment mechanism	9	Mechanism used to implement the random allocation sequence (such as sequentially numbered containers), describing any steps taken to conceal the sequence until interventions were assigned	Randomization and power, paragraph 2 (page 13)
Implementation	10	Who generated the random allocation sequence, who enrolled participants, and who assigned participants to interventions	Randomization and power, paragraphs 2 and 3 (page 13) and Page 7 lines 147-149.
Blinding	11a	If done, who was blinded after assignment to interventions (for example, participants, care providers, those assessing outcomes) and how	Randomization and power, paragraphs 2 and 3 (page 13)
	11b	If relevant, description of the similarity of interventions	Table 1, p. 5

Statistical methods	12a	Statistical methods used to compare groups for primary and secondary outcomes	Statistical Analyses, p. 14
	12b	Methods for additional analyses, such as subgroup analyses and adjusted analyses	Statistical Analyses, p. 14
Results			
Participant flow (a diagram is strongly recommended)	13a	For each group, the numbers of participants who were randomly assigned, received intended treatment, and were analysed for the primary outcome	Results, paragraph 2
	13b	For each group, losses and exclusions after randomisation, together with reasons	Figure 1
Recruitment	14a	Dates defining the periods of recruitment and follow-up	Figure 1; Results, paragraph 2
	14b	Why the trial ended or was stopped	Results, paragraph 2
Baseline data	15	A table showing baseline demographic and clinical characteristics for each group	Table 3, page 34
Numbers analysed	16	For each group, number of participants (denominator) included in each analysis and whether the analysis was by original assigned groups	Figure 1; Results, paragraph 2
Outcomes and estimation	17a	For each primary and secondary outcome, results for each group, and the estimated effect size and its precision (such as 95% confidence interval)	Tables 2,4,5, and 6; Results, pp.15-18
	17b	For binary outcomes, presentation of both absolute and relative effect sizes is recommended	N/A (no binary outcomes)
Ancillary analyses	18	Results of any other analyses performed, including subgroup analyses and adjusted analyses, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory	
Harms	19	All important harms or unintended effects in each group (for specific guidance see CONSORT for harms)	N/A
Discussion			
Limitations	20	Trial limitations, addressing sources of potential bias, imprecision, and, if relevant, multiplicity of analyses	Discussion, p. 20

Commented [AA1]: I don't see any effect sizes for the analyses... only absolute differences between the 2 groups and a t-score/z-score and p-value... is this okay?

Commented [AA2]: Mention of an alternative analysis that took place in Statistical Analysis section (p.14), but results aren't included in paper

Commented [AA3R2]: "In an alternative analysis, we analyzed the treatment received accounting for the MD seen as a random effect, although in this analysis it was not possible to also account for the design variables due to small cell sizes"

Commented [AA4]: Don't see any mention of harms/unintended effects (or lack thereof).. Were there any adverse events? Besides that, there's not many other harms involved with this study I would think.

Generalisability	21	Generalisability (external validity, applicability) of the trial findings	Limitations, p. 21
Interpretation	22	Interpretation consistent with results, balancing benefits and harms, and considering other relevant evidence	Discussion, pp.
Other information			
Registration	23	Registration number and name of trial registry	Trial Registration, p.3
Protocol	24	Where the full trial protocol can be accessed, if available	N/A
Funding	25	Sources of funding and other support (such as supply of drugs), role of funders	Funding, p. 22

*We strongly recommend reading this statement in conjunction with the CONSORT 2010 Explanation and Elaboration for important clarifications on all the items. If relevant, we also recommend reading CONSORT extensions for cluster randomised trials, non-inferiority and equivalence trials, non-pharmacological treatments, herbal interventions, and pragmatic trials. Additional extensions are forthcoming; for those and for up to date references relevant to this checklist, see www.consort-statement.org.