S4: CONSORT 2010 checklist of information to include when reporting a randomised trial

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| Section/Topic | Item No | Checklist item | Reported on page No |
| Title and abstract |
|  | 1a | Identification as a randomised trial in the title | Article title |
| 1b | Structured summary of trial design, methods, results, and conclusions (for specific guidance see CONSORT for abstracts) | Article methods |
| Introduction |
| Background and objectives | 2a | Scientific background and explanation of rationale | Article introduction |
| 2b | Specific objectives or hypotheses | Article introduction |
| Methods |
| Trial design | 3a | Description of trial design (such as parallel, factorial) including allocation ratio | Article methods, S1, S2 |
| 3b | Important changes to methods after trial commencement (such as eligibility criteria), with reasons |  |
| Participants | 4a | Eligibility criteria for participants | Article methods, S1 |
| 4b | Settings and locations where the data were collected | Article Methods |
| Interventions | 5 | The interventions for each group with sufficient details to allow replication, including how and when they were actually administered | Article methods, S1 |
| Outcomes | 6a | Completely defined pre-specified primary and secondary outcome measures, including how and when they were assessed | Article methods, S1 |
| 6b | Any changes to trial outcomes after the trial commenced, with reasons |  |
| Sample size | 7a | How sample size was determined | S1, S2 |
| 7b | When applicable, explanation of any interim analyses and stopping guidelines |  |
| Randomisation: |  |  |  |
|  Sequence generation | 8a | Method used to generate the random allocation sequence | Article methods, S1,  S2 |
| 8b | Type of randomisation; details of any restriction (such as blocking and block size) | Article methods, S1, S2 |
|  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 | Article methods, S1, S2 |
|  Implementation | 10 | Who generated the random allocation sequence, who enrolled participants, and who assigned participants to interventions | Article: methods, S1, S2 |
| Blinding | 11a | If done, who was blinded after assignment to interventions (for example, participants, care providers, those assessing outcomes) and how | Article methods, S1, S2 |
| 11b | If relevant, description of the similarity of interventions |  |
| Statistical methods | 12a | Statistical methods used to compare groups for primary and secondary outcomes | Article methods, S1, S2, S5 |
| 12b | Methods for additional analyses, such as subgroup analyses and adjusted analyses | Article methods,S5 |
| 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 | Article results |
| 13b | For each group, losses and exclusions after randomisation, together with reasons | Article results |
| Recruitment | 14a | Dates defining the periods of recruitment and follow-up | Article results |
| 14b | Why the trial ended or was stopped | Sample size |
| Baseline data | 15 | A table showing baseline demographic and clinical characteristics for each group | Article results |
| Numbers analysed | 16 | For each group, number of participants (denominator) included in each analysis and whether the analysis was by original assigned groups | Article results |
| 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) | Article results |
| 17b | For binary outcomes, presentation of both absolute and relative effect sizes is recommended |  |
| Ancillary analyses | 18 | Results of any other analyses performed, including subgroup analyses and adjusted analyses, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory | Article results, S5 |
| Harms | 19 | All important harms or unintended effects in each group (for specific guidance see CONSORT for harms) | Article results |
| Discussion |
| Limitations | 20 | Trial limitations, addressing sources of potential bias, imprecision, and, if relevant, multiplicity of analyses | Article discussion |
| Generalisability | 21 | Generalisability (external validity, applicability) of the trial findings | Article discussion |
| Interpretation | 22 | Interpretation consistent with results, balancing benefits and harms, and considering other relevant evidence | Article discussion |
| Other information |  |
| Registration | 23 | Registration number and name of trial registry | Article 1st page |
| Protocol | 24 | Where the full trial protocol can be accessed, if available | S1 |
| Funding | 25 | Sources of funding and other support (such as supply of drugs), role of funders | Article Financial Disclosure |