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Our web collection on [statistics for biologists](#) contains articles on many of the points above.

Software and code

Policy information about [availability of computer code](#)

Data collection

The code for the CDSS application used by CHWs for data collection and service delivery can be found at: <https://github.com/clinepi-usb/cht-combacal>. Access to the test environment of the CDSS application is available from the corresponding author upon reasonable request.

Data analysis

Data management was done using Stata IC 16.0 and data analysis using R version 4.3.3.

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- A description of any restrictions on data availability
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A de-identified key dataset for reproducing the primary and secondary endpoints is available at <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.15674324>. The trial was registered with ClinicalTrials.gov (NCT05684055), where a full protocol and statistical analysis plan are available. A study protocol manuscript has been published previously. Requests for access to more detailed data may be made to the corresponding author by submitting a proposal, which will be reviewed by the trial consortium.

Research involving human participants, their data, or biological material

Policy information about studies with [human participants or human data](#). See also policy information about [sex, gender \(identity/presentation\), and sexual orientation](#) and [race, ethnicity and racism](#).

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| Reporting on sex and gender | Only sex was reported. In a pre-specified analysis the interaction of sex with the intervention effect was assessed.. |
| Reporting on race, ethnicity, or other socially relevant groupings | Race, ethnicity, or other socially relevant groupings were not collected in this study. |
| Population characteristics | Consenting adults with uncontrolled hypertension living in one of the study villages were included |
| Recruitment | Participants for this trial were recruited among ComBaCaL cohort participants after home-based eligibility screening including blood pressure measurements. |
| Ethics oversight | The study was approved by the National Health Research and Ethics Committee (NH-REC) of Lesotho (ID 102-2022). Additionally, the Ethikkommission Nordwest- und Zentralschweiz (EKNZ) in Switzerland provided a statement confirming the trial meets all ethical requirements for a Swiss research project (ID AO_2022_00074). |

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Field-specific reporting

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Life sciences study design

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| Sample size | The sample size was calculated assuming an individual randomization inflated by a design effect that accounts for variation at cluster level. Assumptions: hypertension prevalence 18%, cluster size: 100 adults, BP control rate in control group: 35%; control rate in intervention group: 52.5%, intra-cluster correlation: 0.015, type 1 error of 0.025, power: 80%. 304 participants minimally required (38 clusters); decided to recruit across all 103 ComBaCaL cohort clusters due to operational reasons and uncertainties of some estimates. |
| Data exclusions | Participants who became pregnant during follow-up were excluded from the primary analysis |
| Replication | Not applicable |
| Randomization | Half of the ComBaCaL cohort villages were randomly allocated 1:1 to intervention and control groups by a statistician not involved in the study. Randomization was stratified by district (Mokhotlong versus Butha-Buthe) and access to health facilities (easy versus difficult). |
| Blinding | Participants were blinded to the allocation, meaning that participants in the control villages were not aware of the intervention being implemented in other villages. CHWs who enrolled participants, provided the intervention and collected endpoint data were not blinded |

Behavioural & social sciences study design

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| Study description | |
| Research sample | |
| Sampling strategy | |
| Data collection | |
| Timing | |
| Data exclusions | |
| Non-participation | |
| Randomization | |

Ecological, evolutionary & environmental sciences study design

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Field work, collection and transport

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Methods

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Antibodies

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Eukaryotic cell lines

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Palaeontology and Archaeology

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Clinical data

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| Clinical trial registration | Clinicaltrials.gov: NCT05684055 |
| Study protocol | Full protocol available on clinicaltrials.gov; published protocol available open access: https://trialsjournal.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s13063-024-08226-2 |
| Data collection | Data were collected by trained CHWs during home visits and entered into a mobile clinical decision support and data collection application. |
| Outcomes | The primary outcome was blood pressure control rate (<140/90 mmHg) twelve months after enrolment. Secondary endpoints included engagement in care, mean systolic and diastolic blood pressure at six and twelve months. Safety outcomes included deaths, non-fatal serious adverse events and adverse events of special interest, defined as events consistent with complications of hypertension or side-effects to antihypertensive medication. |

Dual use research of concern

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Plants

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ChIP-seq

Data deposition

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Methodology

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Software

Flow Cytometry

Plots

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Methodology

Sample preparation

Instrument

Software

Cell population abundance

Gating strategy

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Magnetic resonance imaging

Experimental design

Design type

Design specifications

Behavioral performance measures

Imaging type(s)

Field strength

Sequence & imaging parameters

Area of acquisition

Diffusion MRI

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Preprocessing

Preprocessing software

Normalization

Normalization template

Noise and artifact removal

Volume censoring

Statistical modeling & inference

Model type and settings

Effect(s) tested

Specify type of analysis: ☐ Whole brain ☐ ROI-based ☐ Both

Statistic type for inference

(See [Eklund et al. 2016](#))

Correction

Models & analysis

n/a | Involved in the study

☐ ☐ Functional and/or effective connectivity☐ ☐ Graph analysis☐ ☐ Multivariate modeling or predictive analysis

Functional and/or effective connectivity

Graph analysis

Multivariate modeling and predictive analysis

