

CONSORT 2025 checklist of information to include when reporting a randomised trial*

Section / Topic	No	CONSORT 2025 checklist item description	Reported on page no.
Title and abstract			
Title and structured abstract	1a	Identification as a randomised trial	Title page
	1b	Structured summary of the trial design, methods, results, and conclusions	Abstract (p. 1)
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Trial registration	2	Name of trial registry, identifying number (with URL) and date of registration	Title page; Abstract
Protocol and statistical analysis plan	3	Where the trial protocol and statistical analysis plan can be accessed	N/A – not separately published
Data sharing	4	Where and how the individual de-identified participant data (including data dictionary), statistical code and any other materials can be accessed	Declarations section
Funding and conflicts of interest	5a	Sources of funding and other support (e.g., supply of drugs), and role of funders in the design, conduct, analysis and reporting of the trial	Declarations – Funding
	5b	Financial and other conflicts of interest of the manuscript authors	Declarations – Competing interests
Introduction			
Background and rationale	6	Scientific background and rationale	Introduction
Objectives	7	Specific objectives related to benefits and harms	Introduction (final paragraph)
Methods			
Patient and public involvement	8	Details of patient or public involvement in the design, conduct and reporting of the trial	N/A – not applicable
Trial design	9	Description of trial design including type of trial (e.g., parallel group, crossover), allocation ratio, and framework (e.g., superiority, equivalence, non-inferiority, exploratory)	Methods – Study Design
Changes to trial protocol	10	Important changes to the trial after it commenced including any outcomes or analyses that were not prespecified, with reason	N/A – no post-

			commencement changes
Trial setting	11	Settings (e.g., community, hospital) and locations (e.g., countries, sites) where the trial was conducted	Methods – Study Design
Eligibility criteria	12a	Eligibility criteria for participants	Methods – Participants
	12b	If applicable, eligibility criteria for sites and for individuals delivering the interventions (e.g., surgeons, physiotherapists)	Methods – Participants; Intervention
Intervention and comparator	13	Intervention and comparator with sufficient details to allow replication. If relevant, where additional materials describing the intervention and comparator (e.g., intervention manual) can be accessed	Methods – Intervention
Outcomes	14	Pre-specified primary and secondary outcomes, including the specific measurement variable (e.g., systolic blood pressure), analysis metric (e.g., change from baseline, final value, time to event), method of aggregation (e.g., median, proportion), and time point for each outcome	Methods – Outcome Measures
Harms	15	How harms were defined and assessed (e.g., systematically, non-systematically)	N/A – adverse events monitored per protocol; Methods – Intervention
Sample size	16a	How sample size was determined, including all assumptions supporting the sample size calculation	Methods – Participants (Sample Size)
	16b	Explanation of any interim analyses and stopping guidelines	N/A – no interim analyses planned
Randomisation:			
Sequence generation	17a	Who generated the random allocation sequence and the method used	Methods – Randomization

			on and Blinding
	17b	Type of randomisation and details of any restriction (e.g., stratification, blocking and block size)	Methods – Randomization and Blinding
Allocation concealment mechanism	18	Mechanism used to implement the random allocation sequence (e.g., central computer/telephone; sequentially numbered, opaque, sealed containers), describing any steps to conceal the sequence until interventions were assigned	Methods – Randomization and Blinding
Implementation	19	Whether the personnel who enrolled and those who assigned participants to the interventions had access to the random allocation sequence	Methods – Randomization and Blinding
Blinding	20a	Who was blinded after assignment to interventions (e.g., participants, care providers, outcome assessors, data analysts)	Methods – Study Design; Randomization and Blinding
	20b	If blinded, how blinding was achieved and description of the similarity of interventions	Methods – Study Design
Statistical methods	21a	Statistical methods used to compare groups for primary and secondary outcomes, including harms	Methods – Statistical Analysis
	21b	Definition of who is included in each analysis (e.g., all randomised participants), and in which group	Methods – Statistical Analysis
	21c	How missing data were handled in the analysis	Methods – Statistical Analysis; Discussion – Limitations

	21d	Methods for any additional analyses (e.g., subgroup and sensitivity analyses), distinguishing prespecified from post-hoc	Methods – Statistical Analysis
Results			
Participant flow, including flow diagram	22a	For each group, the numbers of participants who were randomly assigned, received intended intervention, and were analysed for the primary outcome	Results – Participant Flow; Figure 1
	22b	For each group, losses and exclusions after randomisation, together with reasons	Results – Participant Flow; Figure 1
Recruitment	23a	Dates defining the periods of recruitment and follow-up for outcomes of benefits and harms	Methods – Study Design; Results – Participant Flow
	23b	If relevant, why the trial ended or was stopped	N/A – trial completed as planned
Intervention and comparator delivery	24a	Intervention and comparator as they were actually administered (e.g., where appropriate, who delivered the intervention/comparator, how participants adhered, whether they were delivered as intended [fidelity])	Results – Participant Flow
	24b	Concomitant care received during the trial for each group	N/A – no concomitant interventions
Baseline data	25	A table showing baseline demographic and clinical characteristics for each group	Results – Participant Flow; Table 1
Numbers analysed, outcomes and estimation	26	For each primary and secondary outcome, by group: the number of participants included in the analysis	Results – Main

		- the number of participants with available data at the outcome time point - result for each group, and the estimated effect size and its precision (such as 95% confidence interval) - for binary outcomes, presentation of both absolute and relative effect size	Intervention Effects; Table 1; Table 2
Harms	27	All harms or unintended events in each group	N/A – no adverse events reported
Ancillary analyses	28	Any other analyses performed, including subgroup and sensitivity analyses, distinguishing pre-specified from post-hoc	Results – Mediation Analysis; Table 2
Discussion			
Interpretation	29	Interpretation consistent with results, balancing benefits and harms, and considering other relevant evidence	Discussion
Limitations	30	Trial limitations, addressing sources of potential bias, imprecision, generalisability, and, if relevant, multiplicity of analyses	Discussion – Limitations

*We strongly recommend reading this statement in conjunction with the CONSORT 2025 Explanation and Elaboration and/or the CONSORT 2025 Expanded Checklist for important clarifications on all the items. We also recommend reading relevant CONSORT extensions. See www.consort-spirit.org.

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