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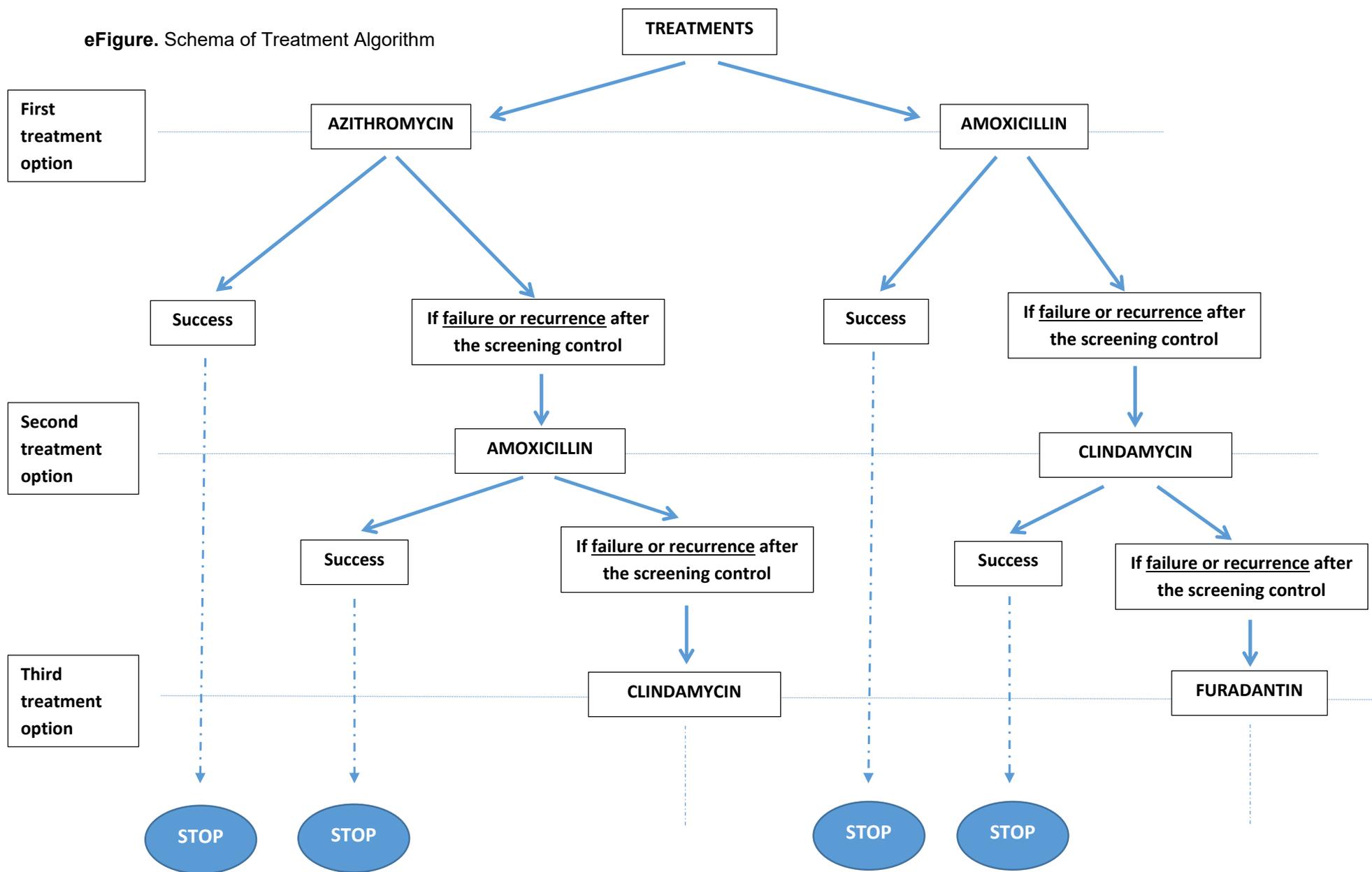
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This supplementary material has been provided by the authors to give readers additional information about their work.

eFigure. Schema of Treatment Algorithm



**eTable 1.** Table of Primers and Probes Used in the Study

PCR target	DNA target	Primers names	Sequences (5'→3')	Probes
<i>Gardnerella vaginalis</i>	<i>Cpn 60</i>	Gvaginalis_F	CGCATCTGCTAAGGATGTTG	VIC-TGCAACTATTTCTGCAGCAGATCCT
		Gvaginalis_R	CAGCAATCTTTTCGCCAACT	
<i>Atopobium vaginae</i>	16S rRNA	Atop_F	CCCTATCCGCTCCTGATACC	VIC-GCAGGCTTGAGTCTGGTAGGGGA
		Atop_R	CCAAATATCTGCGCATTCA	
Human albumin	Exon 12	Alb_F	GCTGTCATCTCTTGTGGGCTGT	FAM-CCTGTCATGCCCACACAAATCTCTCC
		Alb_R	AAACTCATGGGAGCTGCTGGTTC	

PCR: polymerase chain reaction.

## **eMethods 1. Molecular Analysis Procedure**

The vaginal specimens were discharged into 500  $\mu$ l of BME (Basal Medium Eagle, Gibco) and 200  $\mu$ l of suspension for DNA extraction using a QIAamp Tissue Kit (Qiagen, Courtaboeuf, France) on the BioRobot EZ1 automated system (Qiagen). Next, five  $\mu$ L of either a pure, undiluted DNA sample or a DNA sample diluted to 1/10 $\mu$ L was added to ready-to-use PCR mixes (see protocol study). Human albumin gene quantification was performed as an internal control to provide evidence for the presence of DNA and its quality. Master mixtures were systematically introduced as negative controls. qPCR was performed using a CFX96 Real-Time system (Bio-Rad Laboratories, Foster City, CA, USA).



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**eTable 2.** Details of Cost Outcomes According to Randomly Assigned Groups in the AuTop Study

	S&T (N=3,333) Mean [95%CI]	Control (N=3,338) Mean [95%CI]	p-value
<b>Intervention costs</b>			
Swabs, tests and treatment	<b>203.5 [196.5 – 209.5]</b>	--	
<b>Medical care costs</b>			
<b>Mother</b>	<b>2,750.4 [2,718.7 – 2,782.1]</b>	<b>2,762.9 [2,730.7 – 2,795.1]</b>	.587
Outpatient care during pregnancy	64.6 [61.5 – 67.7]	66.2 [63.2 – 69.3]	.241
Inpatient care during pregnancy	179.0 [156.3 – 201.7]	176.5 [154.1 – 198.9]	.515
Inpatient care at delivery/end of pregnancy	2,523.1 [2,506.5 – 2,539.6]	2,546.1 [2,528.7 – 2,563.3]	.088
<b>Neonate</b> <sup>£</sup>	<b>374.1 [296.8 – 451.4]</b>	<b>484.1 [371.8 – 596.5]</b>	.628
<b>Total Costs</b>			
Primary analysis population	3344.3 [3257.0 – 3431.0]	3272.9 [3149.5 – 3396.3]	.232
In nulliparous	3626.2 [3528.4 – 3723.9]	3727.7 [3519.5 – 3935.9]	.352
In multiparous	3061.0 [2918.2 – 3203.8]	2761.3 [2648.6 – 2874.0]	0.012

Mean [95%CI]: mean [95% Confidence Interval]· NICU: Neonatal Intensive Care Unit·

Pathological leaves were evaluated but for 62% of the population, the variable was not filled in and in the same proportion between the two groups, they were not valued·

£: Costs for neonates included NICU care, all transfers and home inpatient care·

**eTable 3.** Sensitivity Analyses With Complete Cases and With Missing Values Imputed Using the Worst-Case Scenario

Type of analysis	Variables/covariates	modality	N	aOR (95%CI)	P-value
<b>Analysis on complete cases (N=6,090) §</b>					
	Groups	S&T	3,041	0.61 (0.44, 0.83)	.002
	Tobacco	No	5,418	0.71 (0.51, 0.99)	.044
	Nulliparous	No	2,999	0.52 (0.37, 0.74)	<.001
	Caucasian	No	279	0.77 (0.47, 1.28)	.320
	Assisted pregnancy+	No	5,717	1.00 (0.81, 1.64)	.999
	Miscarriage	No	4,729	0.81 (0.62, 1.06)	.130
	BMI		6,090	1.00 (0.99, 1.00)	.540
	Age		6,090	1.01 (0.98, 1.03)	.900
	Groups S&T X Nulliparous No			2.08 (1.28, 3.37)	.003
<b>Analysis on imputed data using worse-case scenario (N=6,671) †</b>					
	Groups	S&T	3,333	0.87 (0.70, 1.07)	.170
	Tobacco	No	5,935	0.97 (0.75, 1.25)	.800
	Nulliparous	No	3,430	0.63 (0.49, 0.80)	<.001
	Caucasian	No	6,287	0.85 (0.61, 1.18)	.340
	Assisted pregnancy+	No	6,243	1.14 (0.80, 1.62)	.460

Miscarriage	No	5,180	0.83 (0.68, 1.01)	.055
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BMI		6,671	1.00 (0.98, 1.01)	.910
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Age		6,671	0.99 (0.98, 1.01)	.910
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aOR: adjusted Odds Ratio; 95%CI: 95% Confidence Interval.

+: Assisted reproductive technology pregnancy

§: In the Complete cases analysis, the data set included all randomized individuals at baseline who completed the follow-up; for the primary medical outcome, N=6,371; considering missing data in covariates, N=6,090.

£: In the worst-case scenario, missing values were imputed by assigning the worst possible value of the outcome (i.e. failures, and putting the mean term for preterm birth) to dropouts in both groups; the interaction Groups X Nulliparous is not more significant.

**eTable 4.** Characteristics of the Patients in the Subgroup of Nulliparous and Multiparous Women According to Randomly Assigned Group

Characteristics	Nulliparous		Multiparous	
	Screen & Treat (N=1,671)	Control (N=1,767)	Screen & Treat (N=1,662)	Control (N=1,571)
Age (y)	29.1+/-4.9	29.3+/-5.0	31.9 (4.7)	32.2 (4.8)
Ethnic group – no. (%) <sup>§</sup>				
European	1,075 (64.7)	1,148 (65.6)	893 (54.0)	832 (53.4)
Caucasian*	70 (4.2)	68 (3.9)	77 (4.7)	76 (4.9)
North African	327 (19.7)	319 (18.2)	435 (26.3)	406 (26.0)
Sub-Saharan African	113 (6.8)	129 (7.4)	193 (11.7)	188 (12.1)
Asian	32 (1.9)	28 (1.6)	25 (1.5)	27 (1.7)
Other	45 (2.7)	59 (3.4)	32 (1.9)	30 (1.9)
Level > Bachelor's degree (yes) – no. (%) <sup>§</sup>	1,439 (86.6)	1,527 (86.8)	1,277 (77.5)	1,231 (79.2)
Active (yes) – no. (%) <sup>§</sup>	1,260 (75.9)	1,328 (75.5)	1,052 (63.6)	1,000 (64.1)
Previous early miscarriage (yes) – no. (%) <sup>μ</sup>	269 (16.2)	289 (16.5)	468 (28.2)	453 (28.9)
Previous abortion (yes) – no. (%)	313 (18.8)	319 (18.2)	320 (19.3)	326 (20.8)
Gestational age at inclusion (weeks)	15.6+/-2.8	15.7+/-2.8	15.5+/-2.8	15.4+/-2.8
Assisted reproductive technology pregnancy (yes) – no. (%)	121 (7.2)	154 (8.7)	68 (4.1)	49 (3.2)
Body mass index (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	23.4+/-4.5	23.7+/-4.6	24.7+/-5.2	24.7+/-4.9

Tobacco use (yes) – no. (%) <sup>§</sup>	183 (11.0)	215 (12.2)	181 (10.9)	146 (9.3)
Smoking during pregnancy (>10 cig/day) – no. (%) <sup>§</sup>	7 (0.4)	11 (0.6)	13 (0.8)	13 (0.8)
Alcohol use (yes) – no. (%) <sup>§</sup>	16 (1.0)	19 (1.1)	13 (0.8)	14 (0.9)
Vaginal toilet practice during pregnancy (yes) – no. (%) <sup>§</sup>	150 (9.1)	130 (7.5)	159 (9.7)	175 (11.4)

means +/- SD: mean +/- standard deviation. \*: Native to the Caucasus region. §: These variables were self-reported. μ: Previous abortion includes therapeutic and spontaneous abortions