Consort check list

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Title	<u>#1a</u>	Identification as a randomized trial in the title.	1
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Introduction			
Background and objectives	#2a	Scientific background and explanation of rationale	2
Background and objectives	#2b	Specific objectives or hypothesis	2
Methods			
Trial design	<u>#3a</u>	Description of trial design (such as parallel, factorial) including allocation ratio.	2
Trial design	<u>#3b</u>	Important changes to methods after trial commencement (such as eligibility criteria), with reasons	3
Participants	<u>#4a</u>	Eligibility criteria for participants	3
Participants	<u>#4b</u>	Settings and locations where the data were collected	3
Interventions	<u>#5</u>	The experimental and control interventions for each group with sufficient details to allow replication, including how and when they were actually administered	Refer to TIDieR checklist
Outcomes	#6a	Completely defined prespecified primary and secondary outcome measures, including how and when they were assessed	4
Sample size	<u>#7a</u>	How sample size was determined.	4 and supplementary material
Sample size	#7b	When applicable, explanation of any interim analyses and stopping guidelines	na
Randomization - Sequence generation	<u>#8a</u>	Method used to generate the random allocation sequence.	4
Randomization - Sequence generation	<u>#8b</u>	Type of randomization; details of any restriction (such as blocking and block size)	4
Randomization - Allocation	<u>#9</u>	Mechanism used to implement the random allocation sequence (such as sequentially numbered containers),	4

concealment		describing any steps taken to conceal the sequence until	
mechanism		interventions were assigned	
Randomization - Implementation	#10	Who generated the allocation sequence, who enrolled participants, and who assigned participants to interventions	4
Blinding	#11a	If done, who was blinded after assignment to interventions (for example, participants, care providers, those assessing outcomes) and how.	4
Blinding	#11b	If relevant, description of the similarity of interventions	4
Statistical methods	#12a	Statistical methods used to compare groups for primary and secondary outcomes	4
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Results			
Participant flow diagram (strongly recommended)	#13a	For each group, the numbers of participants who were randomly assigned, received intended treatment, and were analysed for the primary outcome	Figure 1
Participant flow	#13b	For each group, losses and exclusions after randomization, together with reason	Figure 1
Recruitment	#14a	Dates defining the periods of recruitment and follow-up	3 and figure S1
Recruitment	#14b	Why the trial ended or was stopped	na
Baseline data	#15	A table showing baseline demographic and clinical characteristics for each group	Table 1
Numbers analysed	#16	For each group, number of participants (denominator) included in each analysis and whether the analysis was by original assigned groups	6 and figure 1
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)	7,8
Outcomes and estimation	#17b	For binary outcomes, presentation of both absolute and relative effect sizes is recommended	Table 2
Ancillary analyses	#18	Results of any other analyses performed, including subgroup analyses and adjusted analyses, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory	8 and Figure 3
Harms	#19	All important harms or unintended effects in each group (For specific guidance see CONSORT for harms)	na

Discussion			
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Protocol	#24	Where the full trial protocol can be accessed, if available	Here: https://bmjopen. bmj.com/content /11/6/e047491
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