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Title and abstract			
	1a	Identification as a randomised trial in the title	
	1b	Structured summary of trial design, methods, results, and conclusions <small>(for specific guidance see CONSORT for abstracts)</small>	<u>Abstract page 3</u>
Introduction			
Background and objectives	2a	Scientific background and explanation of rationale	<u>4</u>
	2b	Specific objectives or hypotheses	<u>4-5</u>
Methods			
Trial design	3a	Description of trial design (such as parallel, factorial) including allocation ratio	<u>6</u>
	3b	Important changes to methods after trial commencement (such as eligibility criteria), with reasons	<u>7</u>
Participants	4a	Eligibility criteria for participants	<u>5</u>
	4b	Settings and locations where the data were collected	<u>5,7</u>
Interventions	5	The interventions for each group with sufficient details to allow replication, including how and when they were actually administered	<u>5</u>
Outcomes	6a	Completely defined pre-specified primary and secondary outcome measures, including how and when they were assessed	<u>5-7</u>
	6b	Any changes to trial outcomes after the trial commenced, with reasons	<u>7</u>
Sample size	7a	How sample size was determined	<u>7</u>
	7b	When applicable, explanation of any interim analyses and stopping guidelines	<u>No</u>
Randomisation:			
Sequence generation	8a	Method used to generate the random allocation sequence	<u>7</u>
	8b	Type of randomisation; details of any restriction (such as blocking and block size)	<u>6</u>
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	<u>6</u>
Implementation	10	Who generated the random allocation sequence, who enrolled participants, and who assigned participants to interventions	<u>6</u>
Blinding	11a	If done, who was blinded after assignment to interventions (for example, participants, care providers, those	<u>6</u>

		assessing outcomes) and how	
	11b	If relevant, description of the similarity of interventions	N/A
Statistical methods	12a	Statistical methods used to compare groups for primary and secondary outcomes	10-13
	12b	Methods for additional analyses, such as subgroup analyses and adjusted analyses	10-13
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	8
	13b	For each group, losses and exclusions after randomisation, together with reasons	8
Recruitment	14a	Dates defining the periods of recruitment and follow-up	8
	14b	Why the trial ended or was stopped	7
Baseline data	15	A table showing baseline demographic and clinical characteristics for each group	16-17 Tables 1 and 2
Numbers analysed	16	For each group, number of participants (denominator) included in each analysis and whether the analysis was by original assigned groups	16-17 Tables 1-2
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)	Pages 8-9
	17b	For binary outcomes, presentation of both absolute and relative effect sizes is recommended	N/A
Ancillary analyses	18	Results of any other analyses performed, including subgroup analyses and adjusted analyses, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory	Pages 8-9
Harms	19	All important harms or unintended effects in each group	9
Discussion			
Limitations	20	Trial limitations, addressing sources of potential bias, imprecision, and, if relevant, multiplicity of analyses	11
Generalisability	21	Generalizability (external validity, applicability) of the trial findings	10-12
Interpretation	22	Interpretation consistent with results, balancing benefits and harms, and considering other relevant evidence	10-12
Other information			
Registration	23	Registration number and name of trial registry	3
Protocol	24	Where the full trial protocol can be accessed, if available	2
Funding	25	Sources of funding and other support (such as supply of drugs), role of funders	2