



CONSORT 2010 checklist of information to include when reporting a randomised trial*

no randomised trial

Section/Topic	Item No	Checklist item	Reported on page No
Title and abstract	1a	Identification as a randomised trial in the title	not applicable
	1b	Structured summary of trial design, methods, results, and conclusions (for specific guidance see CONSORT for abstracts)	2
Introduction Background and objectives	2a	Scientific background and explanation of rationale	3
	2b	Specific objectives or hypotheses	4
Methods	3a	Description of trial design (such as parallel, factorial) including allocation ratio	4
	3b	Important changes to methods after trial commencement (such as eligibility criteria), with reasons	none
	4a	Eligibility criteria for participants	4
	4b	Settings and locations where the data were collected	4
Interventions	5	The interventions for each group with sufficient details to allow replication, including how and when they were actually administered	none
Outcomes	6a	Completely defined pre-specified primary and secondary outcome measures, including how and when they were assessed	6
Sample size	6b	Any changes to trial outcomes after the trial commenced, with reasons	none
	7a	How sample size was determined	not applicable
	7b	When applicable, explanation of any interim analyses and stopping guidelines	none
Randomisation: Sequence generation	8a	Method used to generate the random allocation sequence	not applicable
	8b	Type of randomisation; details of any restriction (such as blocking and block size)	ii
	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	ii
Allocation concealment mechanism	10	Who generated the random allocation sequence, who enrolled participants, and who assigned participants to interventions	ii
Blinding	11a	If done, who was blinded after assignment to interventions (for example, participants, care providers, those	during conduct of LCD - 6 months

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(assay conducted)
scientific not blinded