

**Multimedia Appendix 2.** The Risk of Bias tool, based upon the CONSORT checklist.

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<b>1. Title and abstract:</b>	✓ ✓	--	--	- ✓	--	✓ ✓	✓ ✓
a) identification as a randomised trial in title; b) structured summary							
<b>2. Introduction</b>	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓ -	✓ ✓	--	✓ -	✓ ✓
a) scientific background/ rationale; b) specific objectives/ hypotheses							
<b>3. Methods – trial design</b>	✓ -	--	--	✓ -	--	✓ -	✓ -
a) description of trial design; b) changes to methods after trial commencement							
<b>4. Participants</b>	✓ ✓	- ✓	--	✓ ✓	✓ -	✓ ✓	✓ ✓
a) eligibility criteria; b) settings and locations of data collection							
<b>5. Interventions</b>	✓	-	✓	✓	-	✓	✓
Descriptions with sufficient details to allow replication							
<b>6. Outcomes</b>	--	--	--	✓ -	--	✓ -	✓ -
a) pre-specified primary and secondary outcome measures; b) changes to outcomes after trial commenced							
<b>7. Sample size</b>	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	✓ -

a) how sample size was determined; b) if applicable, interim analyses/ stopping guidelines

**8. Randomisation – sequence generation**

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a) method used; b) type of randomisation including details of any restriction

**9. Allocation concealment mechanism**

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Implementation of the random allocation sequence, including concealment

**10. Implementation**

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Who generated the random allocation sequence, who enrolled participants, and who assigned participants

**11. Blinding**

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a) if done, who was blinded and how; b) if relevant, similarity of interventions

**12. Statistical methods**

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Statistical methods used a) for primary and secondary outcomes; b) additional analyses

**13. Results – participant flow**

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a) numbers of participants randomised, receiving treatment, and analysed; b) losses and exclusions, with reasons

**14. Recruitment** ✓ - ✓ - ✓ - ✓ - -- ✓✓ ✓ -

a) dates of recruitment and follow-up; b) why the trial ended

**15. Baseline data** - - - - - ✓ ✓

A table with baseline demographic and clinical characteristics for each group

**16. Numbers analysed** ✓ - - - - ✓ ✓

For each group, number of participants included in each analysis

**17. Outcomes and estimation** -- -- -- -- -- -- --

a) results for each group, and the estimated effect size and its precision; b) absolute and relative effect sizes for binary outcomes

**18. Ancillary analyses** - - - ✓ - ✓ ✓

Results of any other analyses performed, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory

**19. Harms** - - - - - - ✓

Harms or unintended effects in each group

<b>20. Discussion - Limitations</b>	✓	-	-	✓	-	✓	✓
Trial limitations/bias/ multiplicity of analyses							
<b>21. Generalisability</b>	-	-	-	-	-	✓	✓
Generalisability (external validity, applicability) of findings							
<b>22. Interpretation</b>	✓	-	✓	✓	-	✓	✓
Consistent with results and balanced							
<b>23. Other information – Registration</b>	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	✓
Registration number and name of registry							
<b>24. Protocol</b>	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	✓
Where the full trial protocol can be accessed							
<b>25. Funding</b>	✓	✓	-	✓	-	✓	✓
Sources of funding/ role of funders							
Number of criteria satisfied	13.5	3	4	11	0.5	19.5	18