

Table1 Checklist for Reporting of Multi-Arm Parallel-Group Randomized Trials: Extension of the CONSORT 2010 Statement^a

| Section/Topic | Item No | Item | Reported on Page Number/Line Number | Reported on Section/Paragraph |
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| Title and abstract | | | | |
| | 1a | Identification as a multi-arm randomized trial in the title or an indication of the number of treatment groups that the participants were randomly assigned to | | |
| | 1b | Structured summary of trial design, methods, results, and conclusions (for specific guidance see <i>Table 2</i>) (Specification of the number of treatment groups; details of any groups added or dropped) | | |
| Introduction | | | | |
| Background and objectives | 2a | Scientific background and explanation of rationale (Rationale for using a multi-arm design) | | |
| | 2b | Specific objectives or hypotheses (Specification of the research question referring to all of the treatment groups Clear statement of all hypotheses to be tested and the primary comparisons involved) | | |
| Methods | | | | |
| Trial design | 3a | Description of trial design (such as parallel, factorial) including allocation ratio (Specification of the number of treatment groups) | | |
| | 3b | Important changes to methods after trial commencement (such as eligibility criteria), with reasons (Details of any treatment groups added or dropped (if relevant), with reasons, and/or changes to the allocation ratio) | | |
| Participants | 4a | Eligibility criteria for participants | | |
| | 4b | Settings and locations where the data were collected | | |
| Interventions | 5 | The interventions for each group with sufficient details to allow replication, including how and when they were actually administered | | |
| Outcomes | 6a | Completely defined prespecified primary and secondary outcome measures, including how and when they were assessed | | |
| | 6b | Any changes to trial outcomes after the trial commenced, with reasons | | |

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| Sample size | 7a | How sample size was determined (Planned sample size with details of how it was determined for each primary comparison) | | |
| | 7b | When applicable, explanation of any interim analyses and stopping guidelines | | |
| Randomization: | | | | |
| Sequence generation | 8a | Method used to generate the random allocation sequence | | |
| | 8b | Type of randomization; details of any restriction, such as blocking and block size | | |
| 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 | | |
| Implementation | 10 | Who generated the random allocation sequence, who enrolled participants, and who assigned participants to interventions | | |
| Blinding | 11a | If applicable, who was blinded after assignment to interventions (eg, participants, care providers, individuals assessing outcomes) and how | | |
| | 11b | If relevant, description of the similarity of interventions | | |
| Statistical methods | 12a | Statistical methods used to compare groups for primary and secondary outcomes (Explicitly state if no adjustments for multiplicity were applied; if adjustments were applied, state the method used) | | |
| | 12b | Methods for additional analyses, such as subgroup analyses and adjusted analyses | | |
| 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 analyzed for the primary outcome | | |
| | 13b | For each group, losses and exclusions after randomization with reasons included | | |
| Recruitment | 14a | Dates defining the periods of recruitment and follow-up [If periods of recruitment and follow-up are different across treatment groups (eg, groups were added or dropped), the periods of recruitment and follow-up, reason(s) for the differences, and any statistical implications should be described] | | |
| | 14b | Why the trial ended or was stopped | | |
| Baseline data | 15 | A table showing baseline demographic and clinical characteristics for each group | | |

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| Numbers analyzed | 16 | For each group, number of participants (denominator) included in each analysis and whether the analysis was by original assigned groups | | |
| 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% CI (Results for each prespecified comparison of treatment groups) | | |
| | 17b | For binary outcomes, presentation of both absolute and relative effect sizes is recommended | | |
| Ancillary analyses | 18 | Results of any other analyses performed, including subgroup analyses and adjusted analyses, distinguishing prespecified from exploratory | | |
| Harms | 19 | All important harms or unintended effects in each group (for specific guidance, see CONSORT for harms) ^a | | |
| Discussion | | | | |
| Limitations | 20 | Trial limitations, addressing sources of potential bias, imprecision, and, if relevant, multiplicity of analyses | | |
| Generalizability | 21 | Generalizability (external validity, applicability) of the trial findings | | |
| Interpretation | 22 | Interpretation consistent with results, balancing benefits and harms, and considering other relevant evidence | | |
| Other information | | | | |
| Registration | 23 | Registration number and name of trial registry | | |
| Protocol | 24 | Where the full trial protocol can be accessed, if available | | |
| Funding | 25 | Sources of funding and other support (such as supply of drugs), role of funders | | |

^a It is strongly recommended that this checklist is read in conjunction with the CONSORT 2010 Statement Explanation and Elaboration for important clarification on the items

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Table 2 Items to include when reporting a randomised trial in a journal abstract

| Item | Description | Reported on Page Number/Line Number | Reported on Section/Paragraph |
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| Authors | Contact details for the corresponding author | | |
| Trial design | Description of the trial design (such as parallel, cluster, non-inferiority) | | |
| Methods | | | |
| Participants | Eligibility criteria for participants and the settings where the data were collected | | |
| Interventions | Interventions intended for each group | | |
| Objective | Specific objective or hypothesis | | |
| Outcome | Clearly defined primary outcome for this report | | |
| Randomisation | How participants were allocated to interventions | | |
| Blinding (masking) | Whether participants, care givers, and those assessing the outcomes were blinded to group assignment | | |
| Results | | | |
| Numbers randomised | Number of participants randomised to each group | | |
| Recruitment | Trial status | | |
| Numbers analysed | Number of participants analysed in each group | | |
| Outcome | For the primary outcome, a result for each group and the estimated effect size and its precision | | |
| Harms | Important adverse events or side effects | | |
| Conclusions | General interpretation of the results | | |
| Trial registration | Registration number and name of trial register | | |
| Funding | Source of funding | | |

From: CONSORT Group website. <http://www.consort-statement.org>. Accessed May 29, 2012.