

Multimedia Appendix 2: Risk of Bias Tool – Based on CONSORT Checklist

13b	For each group, losses and exclusions after randomisation, together with reasons	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Recruitment										
14a	Dates defining the periods of recruitment and follow-up	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
14b	Why the trial ended or was stopped	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Baseline Data										
15	A table showing baseline demographic and clinical characteristics for each group	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Numbers Analysed										
16	For each group, number of participants (denominator) included in each analysis and whether the analysis was by original assigned groups	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	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)	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
17b	For binary outcomes, presentation of both absolute and relative effect sizes is recommended	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Ancillary Analyses										
18	Results of any other analyses performed, including subgroup analyses and adjusted analyses, distinguishing pre-specified from exploratory	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Harms										
19	All-important harms or unintended effects in each group (for specific guidance see CONSORT for harms)	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Discussion										
Limitations										
20	Trial limitations, addressing sources of potential bias, imprecision, and, if relevant, multiplicity of analyses	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Generalisability										
21	Generalisability (external validity, applicability) of the trial findings	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1

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Interpretation										
22	Interpretation consistent with results, balancing benefits and harms, and considering other relevant evidence	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Other Information										
Registration										
23	Registration number and name of trial registry	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Protocol										
24	Where the full trial protocol can be accessed, if available	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Funding										
25	Sources of funding and other support (such as supply of drugs), role of funders	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
TOTAL		15	18	20.5	15	21	15	19	18	16.5
CEBM Level of Evidence										
Level 1 Systematic review of randomized trials or n-of-1 trials										
Level 2 Randomized trial or observational study with dramatic effect										
Level 3 Non-randomized controlled cohort/follow-up study**										
Level 4 Case-series, case-control studies, or historically controlled studies										
Level 5 Mechanism-based reasoning										