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| **Item** | **Description** | **Reported on line number** |
| Title | Identification of study as randomised |  |
| Authors | Contact details for the corresponding author |  |
| Trial design a | Description of the trial design (for example, parallel, cluster, non-inferiority); include the word “adaptive” in the content or at least as a keyword |  |
| 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 b | Clearly defined primary outcome for this report |  |
| Randomisation | How participants were allocated to interventions |  |
| Blinding (masking) | Whether or not 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 |  |
| Adaptation decisions made c | Specify what trial adaptation decisions were made in light of the pre-planned decision-making criteria and observed accrued data |  |
| 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 |  |

a Modified item that requires reference to both CONSORT extension for abstracts (Hopewell et al.2008) and ACE;

b Item wording remains unchanged in reference to CONSORT extension for abstracts (Hopewell et al.2008), but we expanded the ACE explanatory text to clarify additional considerations for certain adaptive designs;

c New item that should only be applied in reference to ACE;

All unchanged items require reference to the CONSORT extension for abstracts (Hopewell et al. 2008).

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