TREND Statement Checklist

			Reported	Comment
Title and Abstract				
Title and Abstract	1	Information on how unit were allocated to interventions	ok	
		Structured abstract recommended	ok	
		Information on target population or study sample	ok	
Introduction				
	2	Scientific background and explanation of rationale	ok	
		Theories used in designing behavioral interventions	ok	
Methods				
	3	Eligibility criteria for participants, including criteria at different levels in recruitment/sampling plan (e.g., cities, clinics, subjects)	ok	
		Method of recruitment (e.g., referral, self-selection), including the sampling method if a systematic sampling plan was implemented	ok	
		Recruitment setting	ok	
		Settings and locations where the data were collected	ok	
Interventions	5	Details of the interventions intended for each study condition and how and when they were actually administered, specifically including:	ok	
		o Content: what was given? o Delivery method: how was the content given? o Unit of delivery: how were the subjects grouped during delivery? o Deliverer: who delivered the intervention? o Setting: where was the intervention delivered? o Exposure quantity and duration: how many sessions or episodes or events were intended to be delivered? How long were they intended to last? o Time span: how long was it intended to take to deliver the intervention to each unit? o Activities to increase compliance or adherence (e.g., incentives)	ok	
Objectives	5	Specific objectives and hypotheses	ok	
Outcomes	6	Clearly defined primary and secondary outcome measures	ok	
		Methods used to collect data and any methods used to enhance the quality of measurements	ok	
		Information on validated instruments such as psychometric and biometric properties	ok	
Sample size	7	How sample size was determined and, when applicable, explanation of any interim analyses and stopping rules	ok	
Assignment Method	8	Unit of assignment (the unit being assigned to study condition, e.g., individual, group, community)	ok	
		Method used to assign units to study conditions, including details of any restriction (e.g., blocking, stratification, minimization)	ok	
		Inclusion of aspects employed to help minimize potential bias induced due to non-randomization (e.g., matching)		Not available
Blinding (masking)	9	Whether or not participants, those administering the interventions, and those assessing the outcomes were blinded to study condition assignment; if so, statement regarding how the blinding was accomplished and how it was assessed.	ok	

Unit of Analysis	10	Description of the smallest unit that is being analyzed to assess intervention effects (e.g., individual, group, or community)	ok	
		If the unit of analysis differs from the unit of assignment, the analytical method used to account for this (e.g., adjusting the standard error estimates by the design effect or using multilevel analysis)	ok	
Statistical Methods	11	Statistical methods used to compare study groups for primary methods outcome(s), including complex methods of correlated data	ok	
		Statistical methods used for additional analyses, such as a subgroup analyses and adjusted analysis	ok	
		Methods for imputing missing data, if used	ok	
		Statistical software or programs used	ok	
Results				
Participant flow	12	Flow of participants through each stage of the study: enrollment, assignment, allocation, and intervention exposure, follow-up, analysis (a diagram is strongly recommended)	ok	
		o Enrollment: the numbers of participants screened for eligibility, found to be eligible or not eligible, declined to be enrolled, and enrolled in the study	ok	
		o Assignment: the numbers of participants assigned to a study condition		
		o Allocation and intervention exposure: the number of participants assigned to each study condition and the number of participants who received each intervention	ok	
		o Follow-up: the number of participants who completed the follow- up or did not complete the follow-up (i.e., lost to follow-up), by study condition	ok	
		o Analysis: the number of participants included in or excluded from the main analysis, by study condition	ok	
		Description of protocol deviations from study as planned, along with reasons	ok	
Recruitment	13	Dates defining the periods of recruitment and follow-up	ok	
Baseline Data	14	Baseline demographic and clinical characteristics of participants in each study condition	ok	
		Baseline characteristics for each study condition relevant to specific disease prevention research	ok	
		Baseline comparisons of those lost to follow-up and those retained, overall and by study condition		Not available due to small sample size
		Comparison between study population at baseline and target population of interest		Not available
Baseline equivalence	15	Data on study group equivalence at baseline and statistical methods used to control for baseline differences		Not available due to small sample size

Numbers analyzed	16	Number of participants (denominator) included in each analysis for each study condition, particularly when the denominators change for different outcomes; statement of the results in absolute numbers when feasible	ok	
		Indication of whether the analysis strategy was “intention to treat” or, if not, description of how non-compliers were treated in the analyses	ok	
Outcomes and estimation	17	For each primary and secondary outcome, a summary of results for each estimation study condition, and the estimated effect size and a confidence interval to indicate the precision	ok	
		Inclusion of null and negative findings	ok	
		Inclusion of results from testing pre-specified causal pathways through which the intervention was intended to operate, if any		
Ancillary analyses	18	Summary of other analyses performed, including subgroup or restricted analyses, indicating which are pre-specified or exploratory	ok	
Adverse events	19	Summary of all important adverse events or unintended effects in each study condition (including summary measures, effect size estimates, and confidence intervals)	ok	
DISCUSSION				
Interpretation	20	Interpretation of the results, taking into account study hypotheses, sources of potential bias, imprecision of measures, multiplicative analyses, and other limitations or weaknesses of the study	ok	
		Discussion of results taking into account the mechanism by which the intervention was intended to work (causal pathways) or alternative mechanisms or explanations	ok	
		Discussion of the success of and barriers to implementing the intervention, fidelity of implementation	ok	
		Discussion of research, programmatic, or policy implications	ok	
Generalizability	21	Generalizability (external validity) of the trial findings, taking into account the study population, the characteristics of the intervention, length of follow-up, incentives, compliance rates, specific sites/settings involved in the study, and other contextual issues	ok	
Overall Evidence	22	General interpretation of the results in the context of current evidence and current theory	ok	

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