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**INTRODUCING THE ADAPTIVE DESIGNS CONSORT EXTENSION (ACE)
STATEMENT TO IMPROVE REPORTING OF RANDOMISED TRIALS THAT USE AN
ADAPTIVE DESIGN**

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ABSTRACT:

The reporting of adaptive designs (ADs) in randomised trials is inconsistent and needs improving¹⁻⁵. Incompletely reported AD randomised trials are difficult to reproduce and are hard to interpret and synthesise. This consequently hampers their ability to inform practice as well as future research and contributes to research waste. Better transparency and adequate reporting will enable the potential benefits of ADs to be realised.

We developed an Adaptive designs CONSORT Extension (ACE) guideline through a two-stage Delphi process with input from multidisciplinary key stakeholders in clinical trials research in the public and private sectors from 21 countries, followed by a consensus meeting⁶. Delphi survey response rates were 94/143 (66%), 114/156 (73%), and 79/143 (55%) in round one, two and across both rounds, respectively. Members of the CONSORT Group were involved during the development process.

The resultant ACE checklist is comprised of seven new items, nine modified items, six unchanged items for which additional explanatory text clarifies further considerations for ADs, and 20 unchanged items not requiring further explanatory text. The ACE abstract checklist has one new item, one modified item, one unchanged item with additional explanatory text for ADs, and 15 unchanged items not requiring further explanatory text. This talk will summarise the development process and introduce the ACE reporting guideline focusing on new and modified reporting items. The intention is to enhance transparency and improve reporting of AD randomised trials to improve the interpretability of their results and reproducibility of their methods, results and inference. We also hope indirectly to facilitate the much-needed knowledge transfer of innovative trial designs to maximise their potential benefits.

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