**Table 1:** Template for the "Implications for Research" section based on the CONSORT checklist for Abstracts

| Item | Description |
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| **Title** | Identify the study as randomised. |
| **Objective** | Specific objectives or hypothesis. |
| **Trial design** | Description of trial design (e.g. parallel, cluster, non-inferiority) and what should be the duration of follow up. |
| **Participants** | Eligibility criteria (e.g. gender, age and racial distribution, disease stage) and recruitment strategies. |
| **Randomisation** | How participants will be allocated to interventions. |
| **Blinding (masking)** | How participants would be blinded to group assignment. |
| **Interventions** | Main components of interventions in each group (e.g. dose, administration route, period or type of surgery, technique, surgeon skill and experience). |
| **Outcome** | Clearly define the 1$^{ary}$ outcomes that need to be evaluated. |
| **Sample size and statistical tests** | Describe the sample size needed for the proposed study and list the statistical analyses that should be made for the 1$^{ary}$ outcomes. |
| **Harms** | Describe possible adverse or side effects that need to be assessed. |
| **Additional aspects /recommendations** | Specific aspects relevant for the condition. |