

Fig. S1. Algorithm of partners (n=2,390) those eligible; those included (n=1,693); those primarily not included due to exclusion criteria (n=697); those partners secondarily excluded in the study for various specific reasons (n=1,033); and those included (n=660). ^aNot included because of exclusion criteria, such as living abroad (n=86); living in another county (n=419); being a man who has sex with men (n=13); randomization not properly performed or documented (n = 126); index patients attending after inclusion of new sexual networks and not recognized as belonging to a prior network existing within the study, i.e. after primary index patients randomization had terminated (n=50); and 1 index patient did not want to participate in the study (n=3 partners). ^bPartners could not be identified, and thus could not be traced (n = 142); although elicited partners were not traced because the counsellor deemed it implausible that the partner could be infected (n=12) or because the partner had died (n=1); partners not revealed by the index patient, but tested and Chlamydia trachomatis-positive and thus new index patients (n=39). Partner performed the test, but the date of examination could not be determined (n=39). dPartners had already been tested at the time the index patient's eliciting of partners to the contact tracer had commenced (n = 711). Partners, when traced, claimed not to be at any risk of having contracted C. trachomatis (n=4); or the self-sampling kit was returned to sender or not delivered properly (n=7).