

STROBE Statement—checklist of items that should be included in reports of observational studies

Section/item	Item No	Recommendation	Reported on Page Number/Line Number	Reported on Section/Paragraph
Title and abstract	1	(a) Indicate the study's design with a commonly used term in the title or the abstract	Page1/Line1-2	Title/Paragraph1
		(b) Provide in the abstract an informative and balanced summary of what was done and what was found	Page2/Line23-44	Abstract/Paragraph2
Introduction				
Background/ rationale	2	Explain the scientific background and rationale for the investigation being reported	Page3/Line49-84	Introduction/Paragraph1-4
Objectives	3	State specific objectives, including any prespecified hypotheses	Page4/85-95	Introduction/Paragraph5
Methods				
Study design	4	Present key elements of study design early in the paper	Page5/Line98-108	Materials and Methods/Paragraph1-2
Setting	5	Describe the setting, locations, and relevant dates, including periods of recruitment, exposure, follow-up, and data collection	Page5/Line99-108	Materials and Methods/Paragraph1
Participants	6	(a) Cohort study —Give the eligibility criteria, and the sources and methods of selection of participants. Describe methods of follow-up Case-control study —Give the eligibility criteria, and the sources and methods of case ascertainment and control selection. Give the rationale for the choice of cases and controls Cross-sectional study —Give the eligibility criteria, and the sources and methods of selection of participants	Page5/Line99-108	Materials and Methods/Paragraph1
		(b) Cohort study —For matched studies, give matching criteria and number of exposed and unexposed Case-control study —For matched studies, give matching criteria and the number of controls per case	N/A	This study is a cross-sectional study.
Variables	7	Clearly define all outcomes, exposures, predictors, potential confounders, and effect modifiers. Give diagnostic criteria, if applicable	Page5/Line109-129	Materials and Methods/Paragraph2-4
Data sources/ measurement	8*	For each variable of interest, give sources of data and details of methods of assessment (measurement). Describe comparability of assessment methods if there is more than one group	Page5/Line	Materials and Methods/Paragraph
Bias	9	Describe any efforts to address potential sources of bias	N/A	Further studies are need to perform for deal with limitations of the present study.
Study size	10	Explain how the study size was arrived at	Page5/Line99-108	Materials and Methods/Paragraph1-2
Quantitative variables	11	Explain how quantitative variables were handled in the analyses. If applicable, describe which groupings were chosen and why	Page5-6/Line110-129	Materials and Methods/Paragraph3-6

Statistical methods	12	(a) Describe all statistical methods, including those used to control for confounding	Page6/Line130-138	Materials and Methods/Paragraph7
		(b) Describe any methods used to examine subgroups and interactions	N/A	Further studies are need to perform for deal with limitations of the present study.
		(c) Explain how missing data were addressed	N/A	Further studies are need to perform for deal with
		(d) Cohort study —If applicable, explain how loss to follow-up was addressed Case-control study —If applicable, explain how matching of cases and controls was addressed Cross-sectional study —If applicable, describe analytical methods taking account of sampling strategy	Page5/Line149-156	Materials and Methods/Paragraph6
		(e) Describe any sensitivity analyses	Page5-6/Line110-129	Materials and Methods/Paragraph3-6
Results				
Participants	13*	(a) Report numbers of individuals at each stage of study—eg numbers potentially eligible, examined for eligibility, confirmed eligible, included in the study, completing follow-up, and analysed	Page6-7/Line142-150	Results/Paragraph1
		(b) Give reasons for non-participation at each stage	N/A	It had been explained in the methods.
		(c) Consider use of a flow diagram	N/A	We did not need at the present study.
Descriptive data	14*	(a) Give characteristics of study participants (eg demographic, clinical, social) and information on exposures and potential confounders	Page7/Line152-167	Results/Paragraph2-3
		(b) Indicate number of participants with missing data for each variable of interest	N/A	This study is a cross-sectional study.
		(c) Cohort study —Summarise follow-up time (eg, average and total amount)	N/A	This study is a cross-sectional study.
Outcome data	15*	Cohort study —Report numbers of outcome events or summary measures over time	N/A	This study is a cross-sectional study
		Case-control study —Report numbers in each exposure category, or summary measures of exposure	N/A	This study is a cross-sectional study.
		Cross-sectional study —Report numbers of outcome events or summary measures	Page5-6/Line162-212	Results/Paragraph1-5
Main results	16	(a) Give unadjusted estimates and, if applicable, confounder-adjusted estimates and their precision (eg, 95% confidence interval). Make clear which confounders were adjusted for and why they were included	N/A	Further studies are need to perform for deal with limitations of the present study.
		(b) Report category boundaries when continuous variables were categorized	N/A	Further studies are need to perform for deal with limitations of the present study.

		(c) If relevant, consider translating estimates of relative risk into absolute risk for a meaningful time period	N/A	Further studies are need to perform for deal with limitations of the present study.
Other analyses	17	Report other analyses done—eg analyses of subgroups and interactions, and sensitivity analyses	N/A	Further studies are need to perform for deal with limitations of the present study.
Discussion				
Key results	18	Summarise key results with reference to study objectives	Page13/Line310-317	Conclusion/Paragraph1
Limitations	19	Discuss limitations of the study, taking into account sources of potential bias or imprecision. Discuss both direction and magnitude of any potential bias	Page13/Line299-307	Discussion/Paragraph8

Interpretation	20	Give a cautious overall interpretation of results considering objectives, limitations, multiplicity of analyses, results from similar studies, and other relevant evidence	Page11/Line333-339	Conclusions/Paragraph1
Generalisability	21	Discuss the generalisability (external validity) of the study results	N/A	Further studies are need to perform for deal with limitations of the present study.
Other information				
Funding	22	Give the source of funding and the role of the funders for the present study and, if applicable, for the original study on which the present article is based	N/A	N/A

*Give information separately for cases and controls in case-control studies and, if applicable, for exposed and unexposed groups in cohort and cross-sectional studies.

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