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/ line 3~4	Title section
		(b) Provide in the abstract an informative and balanced summary of what was done and what was found	Page 1/ line 16~29	Abstract section/ 2nd paragraph
Introduction				
Background/ rationale	2	Explain the scientific background and rationale for the investigation being reported	Page 1-2/ line 53~83	Introduction section/ 1st -2nd paragraph
Objectives	3	State specific objectives, including any prespecified hypotheses	Page 2/ line 95~96	Introduction section/ 3rd paragraph
Methods				
Study design	4	Present key elements of study design early in the paper	Page 3/ line 85~96	Introduction section/ 3rd paragraph
Setting	5	Describe the setting, locations, and relevant dates, including periods of recruitment, exposure, follow-up, and data collection	Page 4/ line 101~ 104	Methods section/ 1st paragraph
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	Page 4/ line 105~ 118	Methods section/ 2nd -3rd paragraph
		(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	Page 4/ line 113~ 118	Methods section/ 4th paragraph
Variables	7	Clearly define all outcomes, exposures, predictors, potential confounders, and effect modifiers. Give diagnostic criteria, if applicable	Page 5-6/ line 161~ 181	Methods section/ 7th -8th paragraph
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	Page 5-6/ line 161~ 170	Method section/ 7th paragraph
Bias	9	Describe any efforts to address potential sources of bias	Page 4/ line 135~ 142	Method section/ 6th paragraph
Study size	10	Explain how the study size was arrived at	Page 4/ line	Method section/ 1st

			101~ 103	paragraph
Quantitative variables	11	Explain how quantitative variables were handled in the analyses. If applicable, describe which groupings were chosen and why	Page 4 / line 113~ 118, page 4-5/ line 161~ 181	Methods section/ 4th paragraph, 7th - 8th paragraph

Statistical methods	12	(a) Describe all statistical methods, including those used to control for confounding	Page 6-7/ line 183~209	Methods section/ 9th paragraph
		(b) Describe any methods used to examine subgroups and interactions	Page 7/ line 206~209	Methods section/ 9th paragraph
		(c) Explain how missing data were addressed	Page 7/ line 209	Methods section/ 9th paragraph
		(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	Page 6/ line 188/ 191/ 196	Methods section/ 9th paragraph
		(e) Describe any sensitivity analyses	Page 7/ line 209	Methods section/ 9th paragraph
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	Page 7/ line 214~216	Result section/ 1st paragraph
		(b) Give reasons for non-participation at each stage	Page 7/ line 214	Result section/ 1st paragraph
		(c) Consider use of a flow diagram	Page 18/ line 461	Figure 3
Descriptive data	14*	(a) Give characteristics of study participants (eg demographic, clinical, social) and information on exposures and potential confounders	Page 7/ line 216~224	Result section/ 1st paragraph
		(b) Indicate number of participants with missing data for each variable of interest	Page 7/ line 209	Methods section/ 9th paragraph
		(c) ***Cohort study*** —Summarise follow-up time (eg, average and total amount)	Page 7/ line 214~216	Result section/ 1st paragraph
Outcome data	15*	***Cohort study*** — Report numbers of outcome events or summary measures over time	Not Relevant	The study is not cohort study.
		Case-control study — Report numbers in each exposure category, or summary measures of exposure	Page 8/ line 245~249	Result section/ 3rd paragraph
		Cross-sectional study — Report numbers of outcome events or summary measures	Not Relevant	The study is not case-sectional study.

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	Page 8-9/ line 262~266	Result section/ 5th paragraph
		(b) Report category boundaries when continuous variables were categorized	Page 14/ line 427~428	Table 3
		(c) If relevant, consider translating estimates of relative risk into absolute risk for a meaningful time period	Not Relevant	The study currently lacks time data and cannot be converted.
Other analyses	17	Report other analyses done —eg analyses of subgroups and interactions, and sensitivity analyses	Page 8/ line 227~232	Result section/ 2nd paragraph
Discussion				
Key results	18	Summarise key results with reference to study objectives	Page 9/ line 270~273	Discussion section/ 1st paragraph
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	Page 10- 1 1/ line 328~334	Discussion section/ 4th paragraph
Interpretation	20	Give a cautious overall interpretation of results considering objectives, limitations, multiplicity of analyses, results from similar studies, and other relevant evidence	Page 9- 10/ line 283~326	Discussion section/ 2nd -3rd paragraph
Generalisability	21	Discuss the generalisability (external validity) of the study results	Page 10/ line 338~342	Conclusions section/ 1st paragraph
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	Page 10 / line 345	Funding section

* 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.

Note: An Explanation and Elaboration article discusses each checklist item and gives methodological background and published examples of transparent reporting. The STROBE checklist is best used in conjunction with this article (freely available on the Web sites of PLoS Medicine at http://www. plosmedicine.org/, Annals of Internal Medicine at http://www. annals.org/, and Epidemiology at http://www.epidem.com/). Information on the STROBE Initiative is available at www.strobe-statement.org.

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*As the checklist was provided upon initial submission, the page number/line number reported may be changed due to copyediting and may not be referable in the published version. In this case, the section/paragraph may be used as an alternative reference.