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	Y page 1, line 1	Section 1.1
		(b) Provide in the abstract an informative and balanced summary of what was done and what was found	Y page 2, line 32	Section 1.2
Introduction				
Background/ rationale	2	Explain the scientific background and rationale for the investigation being reported	Y page 3, line 48	Section 1.3.1
Objectives	3	State specific objectives, including any prespecified hypotheses	Y page 3, line 74	Section 1.3.1
Methods				
Study design	4	Present key elements of study design early in the paper	Y page 4, line 97	Section 1.3.2
Setting	5	Describe the setting, locations, and relevant dates, including periods of recruitment, exposure, follow-up, and data collection	Y page 4, line 80	Section 1.3.2
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	Y page 4, line84	Section 1.3.2
		(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, because it is related to a section	N/A, because it is related to a section
Variables	7	Clearly define all outcomes, exposures, predictors, potential confounders, and effect modifiers. Give diagnostic criteria, if applicable	Y page 5, line126	Section 1.3.2.2
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	Y page 5, line 126	Section 1.3.2.2
Bias	9	Describe any efforts to address potential sources of bias	Y page 7, line 181	Section 1.3.3
Study size	10	Explain how the study size was arrived at	Y page 4, line 79	Section 1.3.2
Quantitative variables	11	Explain how quantitative variables were handled in the analyses. If applicable, describe which groupings were chosen and why	Y page 4, line 79	Section 1.3.2

Statistical methods	12	(a) Describe all statistical methods, including those used to control for confounding	Y page 6, line 175	Section 1.3.3
		(b) Describe any methods used to examine subgroups and interactions	Y page 6, line 175	Section 1.3.3
		(c) Explain how missing data were addressed	Y page 6, line 175	Section 1.3.3
		(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	Y page 6, line 175	Section 1.3.3
		(e) Describe any sensitivity analyses	Y page 6, line 175	Section 1.3.3
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	Y page 4, line 78	Section 1.3.2
		(b) Give reasons for non-participation at each stage	Y page 4, line 78	Section 1.3.2
		(c) Consider use of a flow diagram	N/A	N/A
Descriptive data	14*	(a) Give characteristics of study participants (eg demographic, clinical, social) and information on exposures and potential confounders	Y page 4, line 78	Section 1.3.2
		(b) Indicate number of participants with missing data for each variable of interest	Y page 4, line 78	Section 1.3.2
		(c) ***Cohort study***—Summarise follow-up time (eg, average and total amount)	Y page 4, line 78	Section 1.3.2
Outcome data	15*	***Cohort study***—Report numbers of outcome events or summary measures over time	Y page 4, line 78	Section 1.3.2
		Case-control study—Report numbers in each exposure category, or summary measures of exposure	It was not a case-control	t was not a case-control
		Cross-sectional study—Report numbers of outcome events or summary measures	It was not a cross-sectional	t was not a case-control
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	Y page 7, line 182	Section 1.3.4
		(b) Report category boundaries when continuous variables were categorized	N/A in this study	N/A in this study
		(c) If relevant, consider translating estimates of relative risk into absolute risk for a meaningful time period	Y page 7, line 182	Section 1.3.4
Other analyses	17	Report other analyses done—eg analyses of subgroups and interactions, and sensitivity analyses	Y page 7, line 182	Section 1.3.4
Discussion				
Key results	18	Summarise key results with reference to study objectives	Y page 11, line 313	Section 1.3.5
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	Y page 10, line 308	Section 1.3.5

Interpretation	20	Give a cautious overall interpretation of results considering objectives, limitations, multiplicity of analyses, results from similar studies, and other relevant evidence	Y page 11, line 308	Section 1.3.5
Generalisability	21	Discuss the generalisability (external validity) of the study results	Y page 11, line 318	Section 1.3.5
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	Y page 11, line 343	Section 1.3.5.2

*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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