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	Page 1/Line 3-4	Title page
		(b) Provide in the abstract an informative and balanced summary of what was done and what was found	Page 1-2/Line 27-45	Title page
Introduction				
Background/ rationale	2	Explain the scientific background and rationale for the investigation being reported	Page 3/ Line 49-58	Introduction Section/ Paragraph 1
Objectives	3	State specific objectives, including any prespecified hypotheses	Page 3/Line 59-71	Introduction Section/
Methods				
Study design	4	Present key elements of study design early in the paper	Page 3-4/Line 73-86	Method Section/
Setting	5	Describe the setting, locations, and relevant dates, including periods of recruitment, exposure, follow-up, and data collection	Page 3-4/ Line73-80	Method Section/ Paragraph 1
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	Cross-sectional study Page3-4/Line 73-79, Line 81-86	Method Section/ Paragraph 1-2
		(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, This is not a matched study	N/A, This is not a matched study
Variables	7	Clearly define all outcomes, exposures, predictors, potential confounders, and effect modifiers. Give diagnostic criteria, if applicable	Page 3-4/ Line 74-79 Page 4/Line 81-86	Method Section/ Paragraph 1-2
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	Page 3-4/ Line 74-79	Method Section/ Paragraph 1
Bias	9	Describe any efforts to address potential sources of bias	N/A	N/A
Study size	10	Explain how the study size was arrived at	Page 3/Line 73-74	Method Section/
Quantitative variables	11	Explain how quantitative variables were handled in the analyses. If applicable, describe which groupings were chosen and why	Page 4/ Line 90-91	Method Section/ Paragraph 4

Statistical methods	12	(a) Describe all statistical methods, including those used to control for confounding	N/A, this descriptive paper	N/A, this descriptive paper
		(b) Describe any methods used to examine subgroups and interactions	N/A, this paper did not	N/A, this paper did not
		(c) Explain how missing data were addressed	N/A, there was no missing	N/A, there was no missing
		(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	N/A, there was no sampling strategy adopted in this paper	N/A, there was no sampling strategy adopted in this paper
		(e) Describe any sensitivity analyses	N/A, this paper did not	N/A, this paper did not
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 4/Line 93-98	Result section/Paragraph 1
		(b) Give reasons for non-participation at each stage	Page 4/Line 93-98	Result section/Paragraph 1
		(c) Consider use of a flow diagram	Page 10/Line 251-255	Figure section/Fig 1
Descriptive data	14*	(a) Give characteristics of study participants (eg demographic, clinical, social) and information on exposures and potential confounders	Page 4-5/ Line100-109	Result section/Paragraph 2-3
		(b) Indicate number of participants with missing data for each variable of interest	N/A, There were no miss	N/A, There were no miss
		(c) ***Cohort study***—Summarise follow-up time (eg, average and total amount)	N/A, this was not a cohort	N/A, this was not a cohort
Outcome data	15*	***Cohort study***—Report numbers of outcome events or summary measures over time	N/A, this was not a cohort	N/A, this was not a cohort
		Case-control study—Report numbers in each exposure category, or summary measures of exposure	N/A, this was not a	N/A, this was not a
		Cross-sectional study—Report numbers of outcome events or summary measures	Page 5-6/Line 111-123,	Result section/Paragraph
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 5-6/Line 111-123, Line 125-136	Result section/Paragraph 4-7
		(b) Report category boundaries when continuous variables were categorized	N/A, the continuous	N/A, the continuous
		(c) If relevant, consider translating estimates of relative risk into absolute risk for a meaningful time period	N/A, this did not apply to	N/A, this did not apply to
Other analyses	17	Report other analyses done—eg analyses of subgroups and interactions, and sensitivity analyses	N/A, this paper did not	N/A, this paper did not
Discussion				
Key results	18	Summarise key results with reference to study objectives	Page 6-7/Line 151-166	Discussion section/
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 8/ Line 197-201	Limitation section/ Paragraph 1

Interpretation	20	Give a cautious overall interpretation of results considering objectives, limitations, multiplicity of analyses, results from similar studies, and other relevant evidence	Page 7-9/ Line 167-195	Discussion section/ Paragraph 3-4
Generalisability	21	Discuss the generalisability (external validity) of the study results	Page 8/ Line 197-201	Limitation
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 8/Line 203-205	Acknowledgement 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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