

STROBE Statement—Checklist of items that should be included in reports of *cross-sectional studies*

	Status	Recommendation
Title and abstract	Yes	(a) Indicate the study's design with a commonly used term in the title or the abstract
	Yes	(b) Provide in the abstract an informative and balanced summary of what was done and what was found
Introduction		
Background/rationale	Yes	Explain the scientific background and rationale for the investigation being reported
Objectives	Yes	State specific objectives, including any prespecified hypotheses
Methods		
Study design	Yes	Present key elements of study design early in the paper
Setting	Yes	Describe the setting, locations, and relevant dates, including periods of recruitment, exposure, follow-up, and data collection
Participants	Yes	(a) Give the eligibility criteria, and the sources and methods of selection of participants
Variables	Yes	Clearly define all outcomes, exposures, predictors, potential confounders, and effect modifiers. Give diagnostic criteria, if applicable
Data sources/ measurement	Yes	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
Bias	Yes	Describe any efforts to address potential sources of bias
Study size	Yes	Explain how the study size was arrived at
Quantitative variables	Yes	Explain how quantitative variables were handled in the analyses. If applicable, describe which groupings were chosen and why
Statistical methods	Yes	(a) Describe all statistical methods, including those used to control for confounding
	Yes	(b) Describe any methods used to examine subgroups and interactions
	N/A	(c) Explain how missing data were addressed
	N/A	(d) If applicable, describe analytical methods taking account of sampling strategy
	N/A	(e) Describe any sensitivity analyses
Results		
Participants	Yes	(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
	Yes	(b) Give reasons for non-participation at each stage
	N/A	(c) Consider use of a flow diagram
Descriptive data	Yes	(a) Give characteristics of study participants (eg demographic, clinical, social) and information on exposures and potential confounders
	N/A	(b) Indicate number of participants with missing data for each variable of interest
Outcome data	Yes	Report numbers of outcome events or summary measures
Main results	Yes	(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
	Yes	(b) Report category boundaries when continuous variables were categorized
	N/A	(c) If relevant, consider translating estimates of relative risk into absolute risk for a meaningful time period
Other analyses	N/A	Report other analyses done—eg analyses of subgroups and interactions, and sensitivity analyses

Discussion		
Key results	Yes	Summarise key results with reference to study objectives
Limitations	Yes	Discuss limitations of the study, taking into account sources of potential bias or imprecision. Discuss both direction and magnitude of any potential bias
Interpretation	Yes	Give a cautious overall interpretation of results considering objectives, limitations, multiplicity of analyses, results from similar studies, and other relevant evidence
Generalisability	Yes	Discuss the generalisability (external validity) of the study results
Other information		
Funding	Yes	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

*Give information separately for exposed and unexposed groups.

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