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	pg 1	Title page
		(b) Provide in the abstract an informative and balanced summary of what was done and what was found	pp3-4 lines 1-34	Abstract/All paragraphs
Introduction				
Background/ rationale	2	Explain the scientific background and rationale for the investigation being reported	pg 5, lines 39-60	Introduction/All paragraphs
Objectives	3	State specific objectives, including any prespecified hypotheses	pg 5, lines 54-60	Introduction/Last paragraph
Methods				
Study design	4	Present key elements of study design early in the paper	pg 6, lines 73-82	Methods/Study Design
Setting	5	Describe the setting, locations, and relevant dates, including periods of recruitment, exposure, follow-up, and data collection	p 6, lines 84-92	Methods/Survey Administration
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, pp 6-7, lines 84-117	Methods/Survey Administration, Measures
		(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	na	na
Variables	7	Clearly define all outcomes, exposures, predictors, potential confounders, and effect modifiers. Give diagnostic criteria, if applicable	p. 7, lines 102-117	Methods/Measures
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	pp 7-8, lines 102-151	Methods/Measures and Data Analysis
Bias	9	Describe any efforts to address potential sources of bias	p 7, lines 113-142;	Methods/Measures and
Study size	10	Explain how the study size was arrived at	p. 8, lines 154-155	Results/First paragraph
Quantitative variables	11	Explain how quantitative variables were handled in the analyses. If applicable, describe which groupings were chosen and why	p. 7, lines 120-142	Methods/Data Analysis

Statistical methods	12	(a) Describe all statistical methods, including those used to control for confounding	pp. 7-8, lines 119-142	Methods/data analysis
		(b) Describe any methods used to examine subgroups and interactions	p. 8, lines 143-147	Methods/data analysis
		(c) Explain how missing data were addressed	there were no missing data	
		(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	na	
		(e) Describe any sensitivity analyses	na	
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	p. 8, lines 154-157	Results/first paragraph
		(b) Give reasons for non-participation at each stage	na	
		(c) Consider use of a flow diagram	na	
Descriptive data	14*	(a) Give characteristics of study participants (eg demographic, clinical, social) and information on exposures and potential confounders	pp.8-9, lines 153-166; table 1	Results/Paragraphs 1&2; Table 1
		(b) Indicate number of participants with missing data for each variable of interest	na	
		(c) ***Cohort study***—Summarise follow-up time (eg, average and total amount)		
Outcome data	15*	***Cohort study***—Report numbers of outcome events or summary measures over time		
		Case-control study—Report numbers in each exposure category, or summary measures of exposure		
		Cross-sectional study—Report numbers of outcome events or summary measures	pp.8-9, lines 153-166; table	Results/Paragraphs 1&2;
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	pp.8-9, lines 153-166; table	Results/Paragraphs 1&2; Table 1
		(b) Report category boundaries when continuous variables were categorized	pg 7 lines 106-109	Measures
		(c) If relevant, consider translating estimates of relative risk into absolute risk for a meaningful time period	na	
Other analyses	17	Report other analyses done—eg analyses of subgroups and interactions, and sensitivity analyses	pp. 9-10, lines 167-203;	Results, qual/open-ended
Discussion				
Key results	18	Summarise key results with reference to study objectives	pp. 10-11, lines 206-232	Discussion/first 2
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	pp. 12-13, lines 263-291	Discussion/last 2 paragraphs

Interpretation	20	Give a cautious overall interpretation of results considering objectives, limitations, multiplicity of analyses, results from similar studies, and other relevant evidence	pp 10-14, lines 206-303	Discussion, Conclusions
Generalisability	21	Discuss the generalisability (external validity) of the study results	p. 12. lines 263-269	Discussion/paragraph 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	p. 14, lines 307-310	Acknowledgments

*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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