STROBE Statement—checklist of items that should be included in reports of observational studies

	Item No.	Recommendation	Page No.	Relevant text from manuscript
Title and abstract	1	(*a*) Indicate the study's design with a commonly used term in the title or the abstract	1	Lines 2-3
		(*b*) Provide in the abstract an informative and balanced summary of what was done and what was found	2	Lines 18-41
Introduction				
Background/rationale	2	Explain the scientific background and rationale for the investigation being reported	3	Lines 46-65
Objectives	3	State specific objectives, including any prespecified hypotheses	4	Lines 67-71
Methods				
Study design	4	Present key elements of study design early in the paper	5	Lines 77-84
Setting	5	Describe the setting, locations, and relevant dates, including periods of recruitment, exposure, follow-up, and data collection	5	Lines 77-84
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	5	Lines 77-84
		(*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		
Variables	7	Clearly define all outcomes, exposures, predictors, potential confounders, and effect modifiers. Give diagnostic criteria, if applicable	6	Lines 98-117
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	*6-7*	*Lines 77-117*
Bias	9	Describe any efforts to address potential sources of bias	15	Lines 293-308
Study size	10	Explain how the study size was arrived at	5	Line 77

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Quantitative variables	11	Explain how quantitative variables were handled in the analyses. If applicable, describe which groupings were chosen and why	7-8	Lines 120-152
Statistical methods	12	(*a*) Describe all statistical methods, including those used to control for confounding	7-8	Lines 120-152
		(*b*) Describe any methods used to examine subgroups and interactions	8	Lines 136-140
		(*c*) Explain how missing data were addressed		
		(*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	7	Lines 121-126
		(*e*) Describe any sensitivity analyses	7-8	Lines 120-152
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	9	Lines 166-174
		(b) Give reasons for non-participation at each stage	9	Lines 166-174
		(c) Consider use of a flow diagram	20	Flowchart/Figure 1
Descriptive data	14*	(a) Give characteristics of study participants (eg demographic, clinical, social) and information on exposures and potential confounders	21	Table 1
		(b) Indicate number of participants with missing data for each variable of interest	n/a	n/a
		(c) *Cohort study*—Summarise follow-up time (eg, average and total amount)	10	Lines 180-181
Outcome data	15*	*Cohort study*—Report numbers of outcome events or summary measures over time	*21*	*Table 1*
		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		
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	10-11	Lines 177-197
		(*b*) Report category boundaries when continuous variables were categorized		
		(*c*) If relevant, consider translating estimates of relative risk into absolute risk for a meaningful time period		

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Other analyses	17	Report other analyses done—eg analyses of subgroups and interactions, and sensitivity analyses	7-8	Lines 120-152
Discussion				
Key results	18	Summarise key results with reference to study objectives	11-13	Lines 202-246
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	15	Lines 293-308
Interpretation	20	Give a cautious overall interpretation of results considering objectives, limitations, multiplicity of analyses, results from similar studies, and other relevant evidence	16	Lines 322-324
Generalisability	21	Discuss the generalisability (external validity) of the study results	16	Lines 322-324
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	8	Lines 153-162

*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.