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

	Item No	Recommendation	Page No
Title and abstract	1	(*a*) Indicate the study's design with a commonly used term in the title or the abstract	P2 L44~
		(*b*) Provide in the abstract an informative and balanced summary of what was done and what was found	P2 L39~
Introduction			
Background/rationale	2	Explain the scientific background and rationale for the investigation being reported	P3 L77~
Objectives	3	State specific objectives, including any prespecified hypotheses	P3 L105~
Methods			
Study design	4	Present key elements of study design early in the paper	P3 L112~
Setting	5	Describe the setting, locations, and relevant dates, including periods of recruitment, exposure, follow-up, and data collection	P3 L113~
Participants	6	(*a*) *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	P4 L125~
		(*b*) *Case-control study*—For matched studies, give matching criteria and the number of controls per case	P4 L131~
Variables	7	Clearly define all outcomes, exposures, predictors, potential confounders, and effect modifiers. Give diagnostic criteria, if applicable	P4 L140~
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	P4 L113~
Bias	9	Describe any efforts to address potential sources of bias	P4 L131~
Study size	10	Explain how the study size was arrived at	P5 L176~
Quantitative variables	11	Explain how quantitative variables were handled in the analyses. If applicable, describe which groupings were chosen and why	P5 L161~
Statistical methods	12	(*a*) Describe all statistical methods, including those used to control for confounding	P5 L161~
		(*b*) Describe any methods used to examine subgroups and interactions	P5 L161~
		(*c*) Explain how missing data were addressed	
		(*d*) *Case-control study*—If applicable, explain how matching of cases and controls was addressed	P4 L131~
		(*e*) Describe any sensitivity analyses	

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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	P5 L174~
		(b) Give reasons for non-participation at each stage	Figure1
		(c) Consider use of a flow diagram	Figure1
Descriptive data	14*	(a) Give characteristics of study participants (eg demographic, clinical, social) and information on exposures and potential confounders	P5 L179~
		(b) Indicate number of participants with missing data for each variable of interest	
		(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	Table1
		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	P4 L139~ P8 L185~
		(*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	
Other analyses	17	Report other analyses done—eg analyses of subgroups and interactions, and sensitivity analyses	P8 L190~
Discussion			
Key results	18	Summarise key results with reference to study objectives	P10 L207~
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	P11 L264~
Interpretation	20	Give a cautious overall interpretation of results considering objectives, limitations, multiplicity of analyses, results from similar studies, and other relevant evidence	P11 L278~
Generalisability	21	Discuss the generalisability (external validity) of the study results	P11 L271~
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	P12 L291~

*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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