

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

	Item No	Recommendation	Location in Manuscript (Page / Line No.)
Title and abstract	1	(a) Indicate the study’s design with a commonly used term in the title or the abstract	Lines 26-30
		(b) Provide in the abstract an informative and balanced summary of what was done and what was found	Lines 31-44
Introduction			
Background/rationale	2	Explain the scientific background and rationale for the investigation being reported	Lines 47-97
Objectives	3	State specific objectives, including any prespecified hypotheses	Lines 98-103
Methods			
Study design	4	Present key elements of study design early in the paper	Lines 107-110
Setting	5	Describe the setting, locations, and relevant dates, including periods of recruitment, exposure, follow-up, and data collection	Lines 107-110
Participants	6	(a) Give the eligibility criteria, and the sources and methods of selection of participants	Lines 107-119
Variables	7	Clearly define all outcomes, exposures, predictors, potential confounders, and effect modifiers. Give diagnostic criteria, if applicable	Lines 126-157
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	Lines 126-157
Bias	9	Describe any efforts to address potential sources of bias	Lines 110-114 Lines 121-125
Study size	10	Explain how the study size was arrived at	Lines 115-119
Quantitative variables	11	Explain how quantitative variables were handled in the analyses. If applicable, describe which groupings were chosen and why	Lines 133-157
Statistical methods	12	(a) Describe all statistical methods, including those used to control for confounding	Lines 158-165
		(b) Describe any methods used to examine subgroups and interactions	Lines 158-165
		(c) Explain how missing data were addressed	Lines 110-112
		(d) If applicable, describe analytical methods taking account of sampling strategy	Line 108
		(e) Describe any sensitivity analyses	-
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	Lines 115-119 Lines 211-216
		(b) Give reasons for non-participation at each stage	Lines 115-119

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		(c) Consider use of a flow diagram	Lines 115-119
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Descriptive data	14*	(a) Give characteristics of study participants (eg demographic, clinical, social) and information on exposures and potential confounders	Table 1-2
		(b) Indicate number of participants with missing data for each variable of interest	Lines 211-216
Outcome data	15*	Report numbers of outcome events or summary measures	Lines 169-184
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	Table 3-4 Figure 1-2 Lines 186-209
		(b) Report category boundaries when continuous variables were categorized	Lines 182-184
		(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	Lines 210-237
Discussion			
Key results	18	Summarise key results with reference to study objectives	Lines 240-244 Lines 255-259 Lines 295-296 Lines 312-313 Lines 316-323
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	Lines 337-360
Interpretation	20	Give a cautious overall interpretation of results considering objectives, limitations, multiplicity of analyses, results from similar studies, and other relevant evidence	Lines 244-360
Generalisability	21	Discuss the generalisability (external validity) of the study results	Lines 337-341 Lines 343-345 Lines 352-357
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	Lines 402-403

*Give information separately for exposed and unexposed groups.

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.