

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	Study Design: cross-sectional study.
		(b) Provide in the abstract an informative and balanced summary of what was done and what was found	1	Results and conclusion
Introduction				
Background/rationale	2	Explain the scientific background and rationale for the investigation being reported	2-3	As indicated by these varied reports, the biomechanical...
Objectives	3	State specific objectives, including any prespecified hypotheses	3-4	The objective of this study was to...
Methods				
Study design	4	Present key elements of study design early in the paper	4	This study monitored...
Setting	5	Describe the setting, locations, and relevant dates, including periods of recruitment, exposure, follow-up, and data collection	4	This research was conducted...
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	4	The study participants were...
		(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	9	2.6 Experimental Indicators...
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	7	2.4 Experimental Design and Testing Procedures...
Bias	9	Describe any efforts to address potential sources of bias	7	Instances of secondary movement...
Study size	10	Explain how the study size was arrived at	5	80 CAI patients were...

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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	9	2.6 Experimental Indicators
Statistical methods	12	(a) Describe all statistical methods, including those used to control for confounding	10	2.7 Statistical Analysis
		(b) Describe any methods used to examine subgroups and interactions	10	2.7 Statistical Analysis
		(c) Explain how missing data were addressed	N/A	
		(d) <i>Cohort study</i> —If applicable, explain how loss to follow-up was addressed		
		<i>Case-control study</i> —If applicable, explain how matching of cases and controls was addressed		
		<i>Cross-sectional study</i> —If applicable, describe analytical methods taking account of sampling strategy	N/A	
		(e) Describe any sensitivity analyses	N/A	
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	5	In this investigation, 80 CAI...
		(b) Give reasons for non-participation at each stage	5	However, one participant was excluded...
		(c) Consider use of a flow diagram	5	Fig. 1 Study flow diagram.
Descriptive data	14*	(a) Give characteristics of study participants (eg demographic, clinical, social) and information on exposures and potential confounders	4-6	TABLE 1. Demographics of participants
		(b) Indicate number of participants with missing data for each variable of interest	N/A	
		(c) <i>Cohort study</i> —Summarise follow-up time (eg, average and total amount)	N/A	
Outcome data	15*	<i>Cohort study</i> —Report numbers of outcome events or summary measures over time	N/A	
		<i>Case-control study</i> —Report numbers in each exposure category, or summary measures of exposure	N/A	
		<i>Cross-sectional study</i> —Report numbers of outcome events or summary measures	10-13	3 Results
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	10-13	3 Results
		(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	N/A	

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Other analyses	17	Report other analyses done—eg analyses of subgroups and interactions, and sensitivity analyses	N/A	
Discussion				
Key results	18	Summarise key results with reference to study objectives	13	The study results indicate that CAI...
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	18	there are some limitations...
Interpretation	20	Give a cautious overall interpretation of results considering objectives, limitations, multiplicity of analyses, results from similar studies, and other relevant evidence	14-18	This paper reported that...
Generalisability	21	Discuss the generalisability (external validity) of the study results	14-18	The present results suggest that...
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	N/A	

*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.

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