

Appendix G: STROBE Statement

Table 1: STROBE Checklist-Checklist of items that should be included in reports of cohort studies

	Item No	Recommendation	Section
Title and abstract	1	(a) Indicate the study's design with a commonly used term in the title or the abstract (b) Provide in the Title, Abstract abstract an informative and balanced summary of what was done and what was found	n.a. 001 002 003 004 005 006 007 008 009 010 011 012 013 014 015 016 017 018 019 020 021 022 023 024 025 026 027 028 029 030 031 032 033 034 035 036 037 038 039 040 041 042 043 044 045 046
Introduction			
Background/rationale	2	Explain the scientific background and rationale for the investigation being reported	1 028 029 030 031 032 033 034 035 036 037 038 039 040 041 042 043 044 045 046
Objectives	3	State specific objectives, including any prespecified hypotheses	1 028 029 030 031 032 033 034 035 036 037 038 039 040 041 042 043 044 045 046
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051	Study design	4	Present key elements of study design early in the paper	2.1
056	Setting	5	Describe the setting, locations, and relevant dates, including periods of recruitment, exposure, follow-up, and data collection	2.1
066	Participants	6	(a) Give the eligibility criteria, and the sources and methods of selection of participants. Describe methods of follow-up (b) For matched studies, give matching criteria and number of exposed and unexposed	2.1-2.3 n.a.

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Variables	7	Clearly define all outcomes, exposures, predictors, potential confounders, and effect modifiers. Give diagnostic criteria, if applicable	2.1	093 094 095 096 097 098 099 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108
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	2.1	109 110 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123
Bias	9	Describe any efforts to address potential sources of bias	2.2-2.6	124 125 126 127 128
Study size	10	Explain how the study size was arrived at	2.1	129 130 131
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143	Quantitative variables	11 Explain how quantitative variables were handled in the analyses.	n.a.
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153	Statistical methods	12 (a) Describe all statistical methods, including those used to control for confounding	2.2-2.6
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178	Results		
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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 analyzed	Appendix C	185 186 187 188 189 190 191 192 193 194 195 196 197 198 199 200 201 202 203 204 205 206 207 208 209 210 211
Descriptive data	14	(b) Give reasons for non-participation at each stage	n.a.	212 213 214 215 216 217 218 219 220 221 222 223 224 225 226 227 228
		(c) Explain how missing data were addressed	Appendix C	229 230
		(a) Give characteristics of study participants (eg demographic, clinical, social) and information on exposures and potential confounders	3.1	
		(b) Indicate number of participants with missing data for each variable of interest	n.a.	

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235		(c) Summarize follow-up	n.a.
236		time (eg, average and	
237		total amount)	
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240	Outcome data	15	Report numbers of 3.1
241		outcome events or sum-	
242		mary measures over	
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247	Main results	16	(a) Give unadjusted 3.4-3.5
248		estimates and, if	
249		applicable, confounder-	
250		adjusted estimates and	
251		their precision (eg, 95%	
252		confidence interval).	
253		Make clear which con-	
254		founders were adjusted	
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264		(b) Report category	n.a.
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267		categorized	
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				(c) If relevant, consider translating estimates of relative risk into absolute risk for a meaningful time period	n.a.	277 278 279 280 281 282 283 284 285 286 287 288 289 290 291 292 293 294 295 296 297 298 299
Other analyses	17			Report other analyses done — eg analyses of subgroups and interactions, and sensitivity analyses	3.6	300 301 302 303 304 305 306 307 308 309 310 311 312 313 314 315 316 317 318 319 320 321 322
Discussion						
Key results	18			Summarize key results with reference to study objectives	4	
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	4	
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327	Interpretation	20	Give a cautious overall interpretation of results considering objectives, limitations, multiplicity of analyses, results from similar studies, and other relevant evidence	4
339	Generalisability	21	Discuss the generalisability (external validity) of the study results	5
344 Other information				
346	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	Declarations
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