

STROBE Statement—checklist of items applied to the Zika virus infection in Nicaraguan household study (final column)

	Item No	Recommendation	Application
Title and abstract	1	(a) Indicate the study’s design with a commonly used term in the title or the abstract	Title includes the term household (for household index cluster study)
		(b) Provide in the abstract an informative and balanced summary of what was done and what was found	Provided in abstract
Introduction			
Background/rationale	2	Explain the scientific background and rationale for the investigation being reported	Paragraphs 1 and 2 of introduction.
Objectives	3	State specific objectives, including any prespecified hypotheses	Paragraphs 2 and 3 of introduction.
Methods			
Study design	4	Present key elements of study design early in the paper	See “Population and study design” in Methods
Setting	5	Describe the setting, locations, and relevant dates, including periods of recruitment, exposure, follow-up, and data collection	See “Population and study design” in Methods
Participants	6	(a) <i>Cohort study</i> —Give the eligibility criteria, and the sources and methods of selection of participants. Describe methods of follow-up <i>Case-control study</i> —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 <i>Cross-sectional study</i> —Give the eligibility criteria, and the sources and methods of selection of participants	N/A
		(b) <i>Cohort study</i> —For matched studies, give matching criteria and number of exposed and unexposed <i>Case-control study</i> —For matched studies, give matching criteria and the number of controls per case	See “Population and study design” in Methods
Variables	7	Clearly define all outcomes, exposures, predictors, potential confounders, and effect modifiers. Give diagnostic criteria, if applicable	See “Definition of ZIKV infection and symptomatic Zika case” in Methods
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	See “Laboratory assays” in Methods
Bias	9	Describe any efforts to address potential sources of	See 5 th paragraph of

		bias	discussion.
Study size	10	Explain how the study size was arrived at	See “Population and study design” in Methods
Quantitative variables	11	Explain how quantitative variables were handled in the analyses. If applicable, describe which groupings were chosen and why	See “Statistical analysis“ in Methods
Statistical methods	12	(a) Describe all statistical methods, including those used to control for confounding	See “Statistical analysis“ in Methods
		(b) Describe any methods used to examine subgroups and interactions	N/A
		(c) Explain how missing data were addressed	See “Population and study design” in Methods
		(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	See “Statistical analysis“ in Methods
		(e) Describe any sensitivity analyses	N/A

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Results		Application	
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	See paragraph 1 of results and Fig. 1
		(b) Give reasons for non-participation at each stage	See paragraph 1 of results and Fig. 1
		(c) Consider use of a flow diagram	See Fig. 1
Descriptive data	14*	(a) Give characteristics of study participants (eg demographic, clinical, social) and information on exposures and potential confounders	See paragraph 1 of results and Fig. 1
		(b) Indicate number of participants with missing data for each variable of interest	See paragraph 1 of results, Fig. 1 and SI
		(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	See all paragraphs of results section
		<i>Cross-sectional study</i> —Report numbers of outcome events or summary measures	N/A
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	Last paragraph of results section
		(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
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	See paragraph 1 of discussion section
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	See paragraph 5 of discussion section
Interpretation	20	Give a cautious overall interpretation of results considering objectives, limitations, multiplicity of analyses, results from similar studies, and other relevant evidence	See paragraph 1 of discussion section
Generalisability	21	Discuss the generalisability (external validity) of the study results	See last paragraph of discussion section
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	See acknowledgement section

*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.