

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

	Item No	Recommendation
Title and abstract	1	(a) Indicate the study's design with a commonly used term in the title or the abstract Abstract, paragraph 1 (b) Provide in the abstract an informative and balanced summary of what was done and what was found Abstract, paragraph 1
Introduction		
Background/rationale	2	Explain the scientific background and rationale for the investigation being reported Introduction, paragraphs 3 – 8
Objectives	3	State specific objectives, including any prespecified hypotheses Introduction, paragraph 8
Methods		
Study design	4	Present key elements of study design early in the paper Methods, paragraphs 11, 15 – 17
Setting	5	Describe the setting, locations, and relevant dates, including periods of recruitment, exposure, follow-up, and data collection Methods, paragraphs 10 – 14
Participants	6	(a) Give the eligibility criteria, and the sources and methods of selection of participants Methods, paragraphs 15 – 17
Variables	7	Clearly define all outcomes, exposures, predictors, potential confounders, and effect modifiers. Give diagnostic criteria, if applicable Methods, paragraphs 19 – 23
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 Methods, paragraphs 19 – 23
Bias	9	Describe any efforts to address potential sources of bias Methods, paragraphs 19 – 23
Study size	10	Explain how the study size was arrived at Methods, paragraph 15
Quantitative variables	11	Explain how quantitative variables were handled in the analyses. If applicable, describe which groupings were chosen and why Methods, paragraph 24
Statistical methods	12	(a) Describe all statistical methods, including those used to control for confounding Methods, paragraph 24 (b) Describe any methods used to examine subgroups and interactions Methods, paragraph 24 (c) Explain how missing data were addressed Methods, paragraph 24 (d) If applicable, describe analytical methods taking account of sampling strategy Methods, paragraph 24 (e) Describe any sensitivity analyses N/A

Results		
Participants	13*	<p>(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</p> <p>Results, paragraph 26</p> <p>(b) Give reasons for non-participation at each stage</p> <p>Results, paragraph 26</p> <p>(c) Consider use of a flow diagram</p> <p>N/A</p>
Descriptive data	14*	<p>(a) Give characteristics of study participants (eg demographic, clinical, social) and information on exposures and potential confounders</p> <p>Results, paragraph 26 & table 1</p> <p>(b) Indicate number of participants with missing data for each variable of interest</p> <p>Results, paragraphs 26 – 42 & table 2 – 3</p>
Outcome data	15*	<p>Report numbers of outcome events or summary measures</p> <p>Results, paragraphs 26 – 42 & table 2 – 3</p>
Main results	16	<p>(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</p> <p>Results, paragraphs 26 – 42 & table 2 – 3</p> <p>(b) Report category boundaries when continuous variables were categorized</p> <p>Results, paragraphs 26 – 42 & table 2 – 3</p> <p>(c) If relevant, consider translating estimates of relative risk into absolute risk for a meaningful time period</p> <p>N/A</p>
Other analyses	17	<p>Report other analyses done—eg analyses of subgroups and interactions, and sensitivity analyses</p> <p>Methods, paragraph 24 & Results, paragraphs 29 – 30</p>
Discussion		
Key results	18	<p>Summarise key results with reference to study objectives</p> <p>Discussion, paragraph 43</p>
Limitations	19	<p>Discuss limitations of the study, taking into account sources of potential bias or imprecision. Discuss both direction and magnitude of any potential bias</p> <p>Discussion, paragraph 44</p>
Interpretation	20	<p>Give a cautious overall interpretation of results considering objectives, limitations, multiplicity of analyses, results from similar studies, and other relevant evidence</p> <p>Discussion, paragraphs 45 – 52</p>
Generalisability	21	<p>Discuss the generalisability (external validity) of the study results</p> <p>Discussion, paragraphs 44, 49, 50, 52</p>
Other information		
Funding	22	<p>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</p> <p>Reported separately</p>

*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.