

STROBE Statement—checklist of items that should be included in reports of observational studies

	Item No	Recommendation
Title and abstract	1	√
		√
Introduction		
Background/rationale	2	√
Objectives	3	√
Methods		
Study design	4	√
Setting	5	√
Participants	6	√
		X
Variables	7	√
Data sources/ measurement	8*	√
Bias	9	X
Study size	10	√
Quantitative variables	11	√
Statistical methods	12	X
		X
		X
		X
		X

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Results		
Participants	13*	√
		X
		X
Descriptive data	14*	√
		X
		√
Outcome data	15*	X
		X
		√
Main results	16	X
		X
		X
Other analyses	17	X
Discussion		
Key results	18	√
Limitations	19	X
Interpretation	20	√
Generalisability	21	√
Other information		
Funding	22	√