

Appendix 2. Modified Strobe criteria used in the quality assessment of included studies

Section	Criteria
Abstract	1. Provide in the abstract an informative and balanced summary of what was done and what was found
Introduction	2. State specific objectives, including any pre-specified hypotheses
Methods	3. Describe the setting , locations, and relevant dates 4. Give the eligibility criteria, and the sources and methods of selection of participants 5. State the specific question and candidate terms 6. Describe any methods used to examine subgroups and interactions
Results	7. Report numbers of individuals at each stage of study—eg numbers potentially eligible, examined for eligibility, confirmed eligible, included in the study, and analysed 8. Give characteristics of study participants (eg demographic, clinical, social) and information on exposures and potential confounders 9. Report preferences/rankings/ratings for each term for whole sample 10. Report preferences/rankings/ratings for each term for subgroups
Discussion	11. Summarise key results 12. Results in context 13. Discuss limitations of the study 14. Discuss the generalisability (external validity) of the study results

Scoring methodology used

Studies were awarded a point if the item was addressed and applicable to the study. A total quality score was calculated for each study based on the number of applicable items addressed / the number of applicable items. All other STROBE criteria were not considered as they were determined not to impact the quality of studies in the context of this review. These criteria were modified from

the original STROBE by removing 18 irrelevant criteria (items 1a, 2, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12a, 12c, 12d, 12e, 13b, 13c, 14b, 15, 16b, 16c, and 22 in original) and modifying a further 7 (5,7 , 16a, 17, 18, 19, and 20 in original).