

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

	<b>Item No</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
<b>Title and abstract</b>	1	(a) Completed (b) Completed
<b>Introduction</b>		
Background/rationale	2	Completed
Objectives	3	Completed
<b>Methods</b>		
Study design	4	Completed
Setting	5	Completed
Participants	6	(a) Completed
Variables	7	Completed
Data sources/ measurement	8*	Completed
Bias	9	Completed
Study size	10	Completed
Quantitative variables	11	Completed
Statistical methods	12	(a) Completed (b) Completed (c) Completed (d) Completed (e) Completed
<b>Results</b>		
Participants	13*	(a) Completed (b) Completed (c) Completed
Descriptive data	14*	(a) Completed (b) Completed
Outcome data	15*	Completed
Main results	16	(a) Completed (b) Completed (c) Completed
Other analyses	17	Completed
<b>Discussion</b>		
Key results	18	Completed
Limitations	19	Completed
Interpretation	20	Completed
Generalisability	21	Completed
<b>Other information</b>		
Funding	22	Completed

\*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](http://www.strobe-statement.org).