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| Title and abstract | 1       | **(a)** Indicate the study’s design with a commonly used term in the title or the abstract  
**(b)** Provide in the abstract an informative and balanced summary of what was done and what was found | Page2/Line39-41                       | Abstract/Objective                     |
| Introduction     |                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                      |                                        |
| Background/rationale | 2       | Explain the scientific background and rationale for the investigation being reported                                                                                                                       | Page2/Line58-Page3/Line69            | Introduction/Paragraph1                |
| Objectives       | 3       | State specific objectives, including any prespecified hypotheses                                                                                                                                          | Page3/Line70-73                      | Introduction/Paragraph2                |
| Study design     | 4       | Present key elements of study design early in the paper                                                                                                                                                     | Page3/Line80-89                      | Methods/Paragraph1                     |
| Setting          | 5       | Describe the setting, locations, and relevant dates, including periods of recruitment, exposure, follow-up, and data collection                                                                             | Page4/Line111-117                    | Methods/Paragraph3                     |
| Participants     | 6       | **(a)** **Cohort study** — Give the eligibility criteria, and the sources and methods of selection of participants. Describe methods of follow-up  
**Case-control study** — 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  
**Cross-sectional study** — Give the eligibility criteria, and the sources and methods of selection of participants  
**(b)** **Cohort study** — For matched studies, give matching criteria and number of exposed and unexposed  
**Case-control study** — For matched studies, give matching criteria and the number of controls per case | Page3/Line80-89                      | Methods/Paragraph1                     |
| Variables        | 7       | Clearly define all outcomes, exposures, predictors, potential confounders, and effect modifiers. Give diagnostic criteria, if applicable                                                                            | Page4/Line118-121                    | Methods/Paragraph4                     |
| 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 | Page4/Line118-121                    | Methods/Paragraph4                     |
| Bias             | 9       | Describe any efforts to address potential sources of bias                                                                                                                                                   | Page4/122-125                        | Methods/Paragraph5                     |
| Study size       | 10      | Explain how the study size was arrived at                                                                                                                                                                   | Page3/Line83-89                      | Page3/Line80-89                        |
| Quantitative variables | 11     | Explain how quantitative variables were handled in the analyses. If applicable, describe which groupings were chosen and why                                                                                | Page4/122-125                        | Methods/Paragraph5                     |
Statistical methods

(a) Describe all statistical methods, including those used to control for confounding
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(b) Describe any methods used to examine subgroups and interactions
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(c) Explain how missing data were addressed
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(d) **Cohort study**—If applicable, explain how loss to follow-up was addressed
**Case-control study**—If applicable, explain how matching of cases and controls was addressed

**Cross-sectional study**—If applicable, describe analytical methods taking account of sampling strategy
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(e) Describe any sensitivity analyses
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Results

Participants

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(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
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Results/Paragraph1-2

(b) Give reasons for non-participation at each stage

(c) Consider use of a flow diagram

Descriptive data

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(a) Give characteristics of study participants (eg demographic, clinical, social) and information on exposures and potential confounders
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Results/Paragraph1

(b) Indicate number of participants with missing data for each variable of interest

(c) **Cohort study**—Summarise follow-up time (eg, average and total amount)

Outcome data

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**Cohort study**—Report numbers of outcome events or summary measures over time
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Results/Paragraph2

**Case-control study**—Report numbers in each exposure category, or summary measures of exposure

**Cross-sectional study**—Report numbers of outcome events or summary measures

Main results

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(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
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(b) Report category boundaries when continuous variables were categorized

(c) If relevant, consider translating estimates of relative risk into absolute risk for a meaningful time period

Other analyses

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Report other analyses done—eg analyses of subgroups and interactions, and sensitivity analyses
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Discussion

Key results

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Summarise key results with reference to study objectives
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Limitations

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Discuss limitations of the study, taking into account sources of potential bias or imprecision. Discuss both direction and magnitude of any potential bias
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*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.

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