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

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

		(*d*) If applicable, describe analytical methods taking account of sampling strategy	
		(*e*) Describe any sensitivity analyses	
Results			
Participants	13*	(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	Participant characteristics
		(b) Give reasons for non-participation at each stage	Not known
		(c) Consider use of a flow diagram	Not relevant
Descriptive data	14*	(a) Give characteristics of study participants (eg demographic, clinical, social) and information on exposures and potential confounders	Participant characteristics
		(b) Indicate number of participants with missing data for each variable of interest	Table 2. Participant characteristics across the four questionnaires
Outcome data	15*	Report numbers of outcome events or summary measures	Table 3- table 8 plus supplementary material
Main results	16	(*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	All tables where relevant
		(*b*) Report category boundaries when continuous variables were categorized	All tables where relevant
		(*c*) If relevant, consider translating estimates of relative risk into absolute risk for a meaningful time period	Both are reported. Table 3- table 8 plus supplementary material
Other analyses	17	Report other analyses done—eg analyses of subgroups and interactions, and sensitivity analyses	Table 3- table 8 plus supplementary material
Discussion			
Key results	18	Summarise key results with reference to study objectives	
Limitations	19	Discuss limitations of the study, taking into account sources of potential bias or imprecision. Discuss both direction and magnitude of any potential bias	Strengths and limitations
Interpretation	20	Give a cautious overall interpretation of results considering objectives, limitations, multiplicity of analyses, results from similar studies, and other relevant evidence	Discussion and comparison to other studies
Generalisability	21	Discuss the generalisability (external validity) of the study results	Discussion and comparison to other studies
Other information			

Funding	22	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	Competing Interests and Grant Information

*Give information separately for exposed and unexposed groups.

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