**STROBE GUIDELINES CHECKLIST**

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| **S. No.** | **ITEMS** | **Response** |
|  | **Title and Abstract** | Page 1 |
|  | **Introduction (Background, Rationale, Objectives)** | Page 1 (Para1,2,3) |
|  | **Methods** |  |
|  | 1. Study design and setting | **Page 2** |
|  | 1. Participants descriptions | **Page 3 (Para 4)** |
|  | c. Outcome measures | **Page 3 & 4** |
|  | d. Bias reporting | **Not Done** |
|  | e. Study size estimation | **Not Done** |
|  | f. Quantitative variables handling and analysis | **Page 4 (last para)** |
|  | g. Statistical methods including handling of missing data | **Page 4 (last para)** |
|  | **Results** |  |
|  | 1. Participants at each stage eligible and analysed | **Figure 1** |
|  | 1. Give reasons for non-participation at each stage | **Figure 1** |
|  | 1. Flow diagram | **Separate file** |
|  | 1. Descriptive data | **Done ??** |
|  | 1. Outcome data | **?** |
|  | 1. Main results(unadjusted estimate, if confounder adjustment done | **Page 5 ( last para )** |
|  | 1. Relative risk or absolute risk calculation ( if applicable) | **NA** |
|  | 1. Other analyses (subgroup , sensitivity analysis etc) | **Page 6 ( para 1)** |
| **5.** | **Discussion** |  |
|  | 1. Key results (with reference to study objectives) | **Page 6 (para 3&4)** |
|  | 1. Limitations of study including cofounders and bias | **Page 8 (para 1)** |
|  | 1. Interpretations (results from similar studies and comparisons) | **Page 6 (para 3,4 & 5)** |
|  | 1. Generalisability (including External validity of results) | **??** |
| **6.** | **Other information** |  |
|  | 1. Funding source declaration | **Done** |
|  | 1. Conflict of interest | **Declared (None)** |
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