### Additional File 1. STROBE Statement—Checklist of items that should be included in reports of *cross-sectional studies*

**NOTE:** There is no guideline specific to this type of methodological study. Therefore, we have used guidelines for reporting observational research as a proxy to ensure all relevant reporting has been included in the final manuscript. Specifically, we have followed the STROBE statement (for cross sectional studies) as a guide. Given this, we note that certain aspects of our research may not align and therefore, not comply fully with the pre-specified checklist. Nonetheless, key elements of conduct have been reported on fully and transparently within the confines of the manuscript and appendices.

| Item No | Recommendation | Reported on Page Number (#) |
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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 | Pg. 1 – stated directly in the title |
| | *(b)* Provide in the abstract an informative and balanced summary of what was done and what was found | Pg. 2 |
| **Introduction** | | |
| Background/rationale | Explain the scientific background and rationale for the investigation being reported | Pgs. 4-5 |
| Objectives | State specific objectives, including any prespecified hypotheses | Pg. 5 |
| **Methods** | | |
| Study design | Present key elements of study design early in the paper | Pg. 6 Methods section |
| Setting | Describe the setting, locations, and relevant dates, including periods of recruitment, exposure, follow-up, and data collection | Pgs. 6-11 Methods details: unit of analysis - rapid review (RR) reports |
| Participants | *(a)* Give the eligibility criteria, and the sources and methods of selection of participants | Pgs. 6-7 Details on how data set was derived (unit of analysis is the RR). Also, Figure 1 provides information on study flow (included/excluded studies) |
| Variables | Clearly define all outcomes, exposures, predictors, potential confounders, and effect modifiers. Give diagnostic criteria, if applicable | Pgs. 7-9 – details on modified BRIDGES criteria provide. Information also provided in Tables 1 & 3 and Figures 2 &3. Also, general study characteristics captured – noted in Table 2. |
| Data sources/ measurement | 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 | n/a |
| Bias | 9 | Describe any efforts to address potential sources of bias | Study limitations referred to on pgs. 20-21. |
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| Study size | 10 | Explain how the study size was arrived at | Pgs. 6-8 |
| Quantitative variables | 11 | Explain how quantitative variables were handled in the analyses. If applicable, describe which groupings were chosen and why | Pgs. 10-11 |
| Statistical methods | 12 | (a) Describe all statistical methods, including those used to control for confounding | Pg. 10-11 describes statistical methods applied. We did not apply statistical methods to control for confounding for this methods study. |
| | | (b) Describe any methods used to examine subgroups and interactions | n/a |
| | | (c) Explain how missing data were addressed | n/a |
| | | (d) If applicable, describe analytical methods taking account of sampling strategy | n/a |
| | | (e) Describe any sensitivity analyses | n/a |

**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 | See Results section – pgs. 11-12 and Figure 1 – study flow diagram. |
| | | (b) Give reasons for non-participation at each stage | See Figure 1; Results pg. 11-12 |
| | | (c) Consider use of a flow diagram | See Figure 1 |
| Descriptive data | 14* | (a) Give characteristics of study participants (eg demographic, clinical, social) and information on exposures and potential confounders | Pg. 11-12; Table 2 (characteristics of included studies) |
| | | (b) Indicate number of participants with missing data for each variable of interest | See Table 3 |
| Outcome data | 15* | Report numbers of outcome events or summary measures | See Table 3 and Figures 2 & 3. Also, Results Section – pgs. 1-16 |
| 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 | For the exploratory analysis only – see page 16 & Table 3 (as reported in the methods section; estimated associations were crude and based on a univariate analysis and therefore, were not adjusted for other factors) |
| | | (b) Report category boundaries when continuous variables were categorized | n/a |
(c) If relevant, consider translating estimates of relative risk into absolute risk for a meaningful time period | n/a

| Other analyses | 17 | Report other analyses done—eg analyses of subgroups and interactions, and sensitivity analyses | As per Methods Section – we conducted an exploratory analysis to assess potential differences for items between journal published RRs and non-journal published RRs (See Table 3 for full results) |

### Discussion

| Key results | 18 | Summarise key results with reference to study objectives | Pgs. 10-16 – Results; Discussion section – key points summarized – pgs. 16-20; Conclusions Pg. 21 |
| 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 | Pgs. 20-21 |
| Interpretation | 20 | Give a cautious overall interpretation of results considering objectives, limitations, multiplicity of analyses, results from similar studies, and other relevant evidence | Pgs. 16-21 |
| Generalisability | 21 | Discuss the generalisability (external validity) of the study results | Pg. 20 – Strengths & Limitations section |

### 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 | Pg. 22 |