

AJR Modified STROBE Criteria
(Strengthening the reporting of
observational studies in epidemiology)

Title/Abstract:

Indicate observational study in title and/or abstract

Abstract should summarize methods and findings

Introduction:

Scientific background and rationale for the investigation

Specific objectives, including prespecified hypotheses

Methods:

Outline key elements in study design: cross-sectional, cohort

(prospective or retrospective study), or case control series

Inclusion/exclusion criteria

Time period of data collection (calendar dates and length)

Describe methods of patient or case identification

Describe statistical methods

Results:

Consider flow diagrams

Primary and subgroup analysis results

Numbers in each subgroup or technique, if applicable

Account for attribution and sources of bias

Discussion:

Summarize key results with reference to study objectives

Discuss validity and limitations of study

Conclusion: Clinical applicability