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**Study design:** Present key elements of study design early in the paper.

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**Participants:**

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**Variables:** Clearly define all outcomes, exposures, predictors, potential confounders, and effect modifiers. Give diagnostic criteria, if applicable.

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methods of assessment (measurement). Describe comparability of assessment methods if there is more than one group.

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