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Study design	<a href="#">#4</a>	Present key elements of study design early in the paper	P8
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Statistical methods	<a href="#">#12e</a>	Describe any sensitivity analyses	none

## Results

Participants	<a href="#">#13a</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. Give information separately for for exposed and unexposed groups if applicable.	P12
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## Discussion

Key results	<a href="#">#18</a>	Summarise key results with reference to study objectives	P15-P16
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