Developing Standards of Reporting for Observational Studies in Epidemiology (STROBE)

Provisional Workshop Programme

Venue: Department of Social Medicine, University of Bristol
Editorial Office International Journal of Epidemiology
Canynge Hall, Whiteladies Road
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Date: September 1 – 3, 2004

Wednesday, September 1, 2004:

4 pm: Arrival at the Department of Social Medicine, Canynge Hall
Coffee & tea

4:30 pm: Developing standards of reporting – the CONSORT experience
(Doug Altman)

Scope of the STROBE workshop – a proposal
(Matthias Egger)

Overview of relevant literature
(Erik von Elm)

5:30 pm: Short presentation of supporting institutions:
European Science Foundation, MRC R&D programme,
MRC HSRC, Swiss National Science Foundation

Self-Introduction of participants

7 pm: Welcome dinner, restaurant Quartier Vert

Thursday, September 2, 2004:

Morning session

9 am: Bias in observational epidemiology: theoretical considerations
(George Davey Smith)

9:30 am: Empirical evidence of bias in observational epidemiology
(Stuart Pocock)

10 am: Coffee & tea
10:30 am: **Preliminary proposal for checklists and flow charts**  
(Matthias Egger)

11 am: **Plenum discussion of drafts**

12 am: *Sandwich Lunch, Department of Social Medicine, Canynge Hall*

Afternoon session

1 pm: **Work in three groups led by facilitator**

Group 1: Checklist & flow chart items specific for case-control studies  
(facilitator: Matthias Egger)

Group 2: Checklist & flow chart items specific for cohort studies  
(facilitator: Doug Altman)

Group 3: Checklist & flow chart items specific for cross-sectional studies  
(facilitator: Stuart Pocock)

4 pm: *Coffee & tea*

4:30 - 6 pm: **Reports from working groups; plenum discussion of drafts**

7 pm: *Dinner, restaurant Browns*

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**Friday, September 3, 2004:**

Morning session

9 am: **Work in two groups led by facilitator:**

Group 1: Checklist items for article sections Introduction and Methods

Group 2: Checklist items for article sections Results and Conclusion

10:30 am: *Coffee & tea*

11 am: **Presentation of drafts; plenum discussion; conclusion**

12 am: *Sandwich Lunch, Department of Social Medicine, Canynge Hall*