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		interactions (c) Explain how	
		missing data were addressed (d)	

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		study - If applicable, explain	
		how matching of cases and	
		controls was addressed Cross -	
		sectional study - If applicable,	
		describe analytical methods	
		taking account of sampling	
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		sensitivity analyses	
Results			
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		consider translating estimates	
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Other analyses	17	Report other analyses done —	
		e.g., analyses of subgroups and	
		interactions, and sensitivity	
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