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Introduction			
Background/rationale	2	Explain the scientific background and rationale for the investigation being reported	5
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Participants	6	(a) Give the eligibility criteria, and the sources and methods of selection of participants. Describe methods of follow-up	6-8
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Variables	7	Clearly define all outcomes, exposures, predictors, potential confounders, and effect modifiers. Give diagnostic criteria, if applicable	6-8
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Results			
Participants	13	(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	9
		(b) Give reasons for non-participation at each stage	N/A
		(c) Consider use of a flow diagram	N/A
Descriptive data	14	(a) Give characteristics of study participants (eg demographic, clinical, social) and information on exposures and potential confounders	9
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Other analyses	17	Report other analyses done—eg analyses of subgroups and interactions, and sensitivity analyses	11
Discussion			
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eTable 2. Diagnostic and Procedural Codes for Birth Defects

	International Classification of Diseases 10th Revision / Canadian Classification of Health Interventions
Critical heart defect	
Transposition of great vessels	Q20.1-Q20.3, Q20.50
Tetralogy of Fallot	Q21.3 / 1.LD.84, 1.HP.87
Hypoplastic left heart	Q23.4
Coarctation of aorta	Q25.1
Other critical	Q20.0, Q20.4, Q21.4, Q22.0, Q22.4, Q22.5, Q26.2 / 1.LA.84
Noncritical heart defect	
Ventricular septum	Q21.0, Q21.8 / 1.HR.80
Atrial septum	Q21.1 / 1.HN.80
Other noncritical	Q20.58, Q20.6-Q20.9, Q21.2, Q21.9, Q22.1-Q22.3, Q22.6, Q22.8-Q23.3, Q23.8-Q25.0, Q25.2-Q26.1, Q26.3-Q28, Q89.3 / 1.LC.84
Central nervous system	
Neural tube defects	Q00, Q01, Q05, Q07.0 / 1.AW.72, 1.AX.73
Microcephaly	Q02
Hydrocephalus	Q03 / 1.AC.52-1.AC.54
Other central nervous system	Q04, Q06, Q07.8-Q07.9
Orofacial cleft	Q35-Q37 / 1.FB.86, 1.YE.80
Eye, ear, nose	
Eye	Q10-Q15, H26 / 1.CL.59, 1.CL.89
Ear	Q16-Q17
Nose	Q30
Respiratory	
Lung malformation	Q33
Other respiratory	Q31, Q32, Q34
Digestive	
Biliary or intestinal atresia	Q39.0, Q39.1, Q41, Q42, Q44.2, Q44.3
Other digestive	K31.1, Q38.0, Q38.2-Q38.8, Q39.2-Q40, Q43-Q44.1, Q44.4-Q45 / 1.NE.72
Abdominal wall	
Diaphragmatic hernia	Q79.0
Omphalocele	Q79.2
Gastroschisis	Q79.3 / 1.SY.84
Other abdominal wall defect	Q79.1, Q79.5
Urinary	
Renal agenesis	Q60
Other urinary defect	Q61-Q63, Q64.1-Q64.9
Genital	
Female genital defect	Q50.0, Q50.3, Q50.4, Q50.6, Q51-Q52.2, Q52.4, Q52.6, Q52.8, Q52.9
Male genital defect	Q54, Q55, Q64.0
Indeterminate sex	Q56

Musculoskeletal	
Congenital hip dislocation	Q65
Clubfoot	Q66 / 1.WE.72
Polydactyly, syndactyly	Q69, Q70 / 1.UF.84, 1.UI.71, 1.UJ.71, 1.WL.71
Limbs and digits	Q71.0-Q71.5, Q71.8-Q73
Other musculoskeletal	Q68.1-Q68.8, Q71.6, Q74-Q75.2, Q75.4-Q75.9, Q76.1-Q76.3, Q76.8-Q78, Q79.4, Q79.6-Q79.9
Chromosomal	
Down syndrome	Q90
Trisomy 13 and 18	Q91
Other chromosomal	Q92-Q99
Other	Q80-Q82.4, Q82.9-Q83.2, Q83.8-Q84.4, Q84.8-Q87, Q89.0-Q89.2, Q89.4-Q89.8

eTable 3. Descriptive Characteristics of Children With and Without Birth Defects

	No. infants (%)	
	Birth defect	No defect
Maternal age, years		
<25	15,145 (15.8)	143,558 (15.2)
25-34	63,849 (66.8)	627,596 (66.6)
≥35	16,572 (17.3)	170,968 (18.1)
Parity		
0	48,927 (51.2)	460,301 (48.9)
1	31,938 (33.4)	328,066 (34.8)
≥2	14,701 (15.4)	153,755 (16.3)
Multiple birth		
Yes	3,004 (3.1)	17,493 (1.9)
No	92,562 (96.9)	924,629 (98.1)
Preterm birth, weeks		
<37	12,560 (13.1)	57,238 (6.1)
≥37	83,006 (86.9)	884,884 (93.9)
Sex		
Male	53,954 (56.5)	478,588 (50.8)
Female	41,612 (43.5)	463,534 (49.2)
Socioeconomic deprivation		
Yes	18,928 (19.8)	189,283 (20.1)
No	72,909 (76.3)	714,934 (75.9)
Time period		
2006-2009	29,486 (30.9)	277,691 (29.5)
2010-2014	37,352 (39.1)	370,107 (39.3)
2015-2019	28,728 (30.1)	294,324 (31.2)
Total	95,566 (100.0)	942,122 (100.0)

eTable 4. Unadjusted Association Between Birth Defects and Mortality Before Age 14 Years

Type of birth defect ^a	Unadjusted hazard ratio (95% CI)	
	Boys	Girls
Any defect	7.46 (6.62-8.40)	9.56 (8.39-10.88)
Heart	24.11 (21.00-27.69)	28.63 (24.75-33.10)
Central nervous	36.40 (29.77-44.52)	41.62 (33.60-51.55)
Orofacial cleft	16.37 (10.59-25.29)	17.48 (10.63-28.76)
Eye, ear, nose	3.57 (2.58-4.94)	3.54 (2.43-5.14)
Respiratory	19.87 (15.32-25.76)	24.85 (18.48-33.42)
Digestive	16.70 (13.24-21.07)	21.15 (16.21-27.59)
Abdominal wall ^b	41.01 (29.29-57.41)	39.18 (26.78-57.32)
Urinary	6.92 (5.46-8.78)	10.63 (7.99-14.14)
Genital	3.60 (2.57-5.04)	3.70 (1.38-9.89)
Musculoskeletal	5.42 (4.31-6.82)	4.70 (3.66-6.05)
Chromosomal	48.51 (37.98-61.95)	56.83 (43.95-73.47)
Other	21.01 (16.62-26.58)	26.83 (21.08-34.16)
Multiple defects	29.60 (25.39-34.52)	41.92 (35.43-49.61)
Isolated defect	4.59 (3.98-5.31)	5.93 (5.08-6.93)
No defect	Reference	Reference

^aCategories are not mutually exclusive.^bGastroschisis, omphalocele, diaphragmatic hernia, other.

eTable 5. Mortality Rate According to Age at Death

Type of defect ^a	No. deaths					Mortality rate per 1,000 children				
	<1 day	1-27 days	28-364 days	1-4 years	5-14 years	<1 day	1-27 days	28-364 days	1-4 years	5-14 years
Any defect	117	312	307	133	49	1.2	3.3	3.2	1.4	0.7
Heart defect	38	227	232	78	19	1.9	11.4	11.7	4.0	1.5
Critical	12	58	73	21	<5	6.3	30.8	39.9	12.0	3.4
Noncritical	29	212	224	78	19	1.5	10.8	11.5	4.1	1.5
Central nervous	15	56	62	49	32	3.1	11.6	12.9	10.4	10.0
Orofacial cleft	<5	11	17	6	<5	1.0	5.8	9.0	3.2	0.8
Eye, ear, nose	<5	17	27	19	<5	0.2	1.0	1.6	1.2	0.2
Respiratory	19	33	31	22	6	4.3	7.4	7.0	5.0	2.2
Digestive	8	42	61	23	8	1.2	6.3	9.2	3.5	1.7
Abdominal wall	12	30	16	5	<5	8.5	21.5	11.7	3.7	1.1
Urinary	17	35	48	24	5	1.2	2.6	3.5	1.8	0.6
Genital	<5	15	12	9	<5	0.1	1.6	1.3	1.0	0.5
Musculoskeletal	22	41	48	33	8	0.8	1.6	1.8	1.3	0.4
Chromosomal	29	35	41	25	8	12.4	15.2	18.0	11.2	5.3
No defect	573	271	108	94	36	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1

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