CARE case report guidelines

CARE Checklist of information to include when writing a case report

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Topic	Item No	Checklist item description	Reported on Page Number/Line Number	Reported on Section/Paragraph
Title	1	The diagnosis or intervention of primary focus followed by the words “case report”	page1/Line 3-4	title
Key Words	2	2 to 5 key words that identify diagnoses or interventions in this case report, including "case report"	page2/line 50-51	key words
Abstract (no references)	3a	Introduction: What is unique about this case and what does it add to the scientific literature?	page2/line33-38	Abstract/Paragraph1
	3b	Main symptoms and/or important clinical findings	Page2/line38-43	Abstract/Paragraph1
	3c	The main diagnoses, therapeutic interventions, and outcomes	Page2/line43-44	Abstract/Paragraph1
	3d	Conclusion—What is the main “take-away” lesson(s) from this case?	Page2/line44-49	Abstract/Paragraph1
Introduction	4	One or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique **(may include references)**	Page2/line61-62,Page3/line	introduction/Paragraph1
Patient Information	5a	De-identified patient specific information	Page3/line72-73	case 1/Paragraph1
	5b	Primary concerns and symptoms of the patient	Page3/line77-87	case 1/Paragraph1
	5c	Medical, family, and psycho-social history including relevant genetic information	Page3/line73-77	case 1/Paragraph1
	5d	Relevant past interventions with outcomes	Page3/line88-92	case 1/Paragraph1
Clinical Findings	6	Describe significant physical examination (PE) and important clinical findings	Page4/line114-117	Discussion/Paragraph 1
Timeline	7	Historical and current information from this episode of care organized as a timeline	Page4/line106-112	Discussion/Paragraph 1
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Diagnostic testing (such as PE, laboratory testing, imaging, surveys).	Page4/line109-112	Discussion/Paragraph 1
	8b	Diagnostic challenges (such as access to testing, financial, or cultural)	Page4/line112-114	Discussion/Paragraph 1
	8c	Diagnosis (including other diagnoses considered)	Page4/line109-112	Discussion/Paragraph 1
	8d	Prognosis (such as staging in oncology) where applicable	Page4/line114-117	Discussion/Paragraph 1
Therapeutic Intervention	9a	Types of therapeutic intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)	Page4/line117-122	Discussion/Paragraph 1
	9b	Administration of therapeutic intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration)	Page4/line123-124	Discussion/Paragraph 2
	9c	Changes in therapeutic intervention (with rationale)	Page4/line127-134	Discussion/Paragraph 2

Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (if available)	"N/A"	This is a special case
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results	"N/A"	This is a special case
	10c	Intervention adherence and tolerability (How was this assessed?)	"N/A"	This is a special case
	10d	Adverse and unanticipated events	"N/A"	This is a special case
Discussion	11a	A scientific discussion of the strengths AND limitations associated with this case report	Page5/line135-142	Discussion/Paragraph 2
	11b	Discussion of the relevant medical literature **with references**	Page4/line106-112	Discussion/Paragraph 1
	11c	The scientific rationale for any conclusions (including assessment of possible causes)	Page4/line129-137	Discussion/Paragraph 2
	11d	The primary "take-away" lessons of this case report (without references) in a one paragraph conclusion	Page5/line142-145	Discussion/Paragraph 2
Patient Perspective	12	The patient should share their perspective in one to two paragraphs on the treatment(s) they received	N/A"	This is a patient who
Informed Consent	13	Did the patient give informed consent? Please provide if requested	**Yes** ☐	**No** ☐

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