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/Line1	Title
Key Words	2	2 to 5 key words that identify diagnoses or interventions in this case report, including "case report"	Page2/Line51-52	Key Words
Abstract (Structured summary)	3a	Background: state what is known and unknown; why the case report is unique and what it adds to existing literature.	Page1/Line25-30	Abstract/Paragraph1
	3b	Case Description: describe the patient’s demographic details, main symptoms, history, important clinical findings, the main diagnosis, interventions, outcomes and follow-ups.	Page2/Line31-42	Abstract/Paragraph2
	3c	Conclusions: summarize the main take-away lesson, clinical impact and potential implications.	Page2/Line43-49	Abstract/Paragraph3
Introduction	4	One or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique **(may include references)**	Page3/Line56-90	Introduction/Paragraph1-3
Patient Information	5a	De-identified patient specific information	Page4/Line93-94	Case presentation/
	5b	Primary concerns and symptoms of the patient	Page4/Line94	Case presentation/
	5c	Medical, family, and psycho-social history including relevant genetic information	Page4/Line93-99	Case presentation/
	5d	Relevant past interventions with outcomes	not have	not have
Clinical Findings	6	Describe significant physical examination (PE) and important clinical findings	Page4/Line99-103	Case presentation/
Timeline	7	Historical and current information from this episode of care organized as a timeline	not have	not have
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Diagnostic testing (such as PE, laboratory testing, imaging, surveys).	Page4-5/Line104-126	Case presentation/
	8b	Diagnostic challenges (such as access to testing, financial, or cultural)	Page5-6/Line143-147,152-	Discussion/Paragraph1
	8c	Diagnosis (including other diagnoses considered)	Page5/Line117-119;	Case presentation/
	8d	Prognosis (such as staging in oncology) where applicable	Page5/Line127-131	Case presentation/
Therapeutic Intervention	9a	Types of therapeutic intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)	Page6-7/Line179-185	Discussion/Paragraph3
	9b	Administration of therapeutic intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration)	not have	not have
	9c	Changes in therapeutic intervention (with rationale)	not have	not have

Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (if available)	Page5/Line127-131	Case presentation/
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results	not have	not have
	10c	Intervention adherence and tolerability (How was this assessed?)	not hace	not have
	10d	Adverse and unanticipated events	not hace	not have
Discussion	11a	A scientific discussion of the strengths AND limitations associated with this case report	Page7/Line198-205	Discussion/Paragraph5-6
	11b	Discussion of the relevant medical literature **with references**	Page6/Line161-162,173-1	Discussion/Paragraph2-3
	11c	The scientific rationale for any conclusions (including assessment of possible causes)	Page6/Line158-179,	Discussion/Paragraph2, 3
	11d	The primary “take-away” lessons of this case report (without references) in a one paragraph conclusion	Page7/Line205-208	Discussion/Paragraph6
Patient Perspective	12	The patient should share their perspective in one to two paragraphs on the treatment(s) they received	not have	not have
Informed Consent	13	Did the patient give informed consent? Please provide if requested	**Yes** ☑	**No** ☐

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