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”	1/2-3	Title
Key Words	2	2 to 5 key words that identify diagnoses or interventions in this case report, including "case report"	1/21	Key words
Abstract (no references)	3a	Introduction: What is unique about this case and what does it add to the scientific literature?	2/22-26	Abstract
	3b	Main symptoms and/or important clinical findings	2/26-30	Abstract
	3c	The main diagnoses, therapeutic interventions, and outcomes	2/30-38	Abstract
	3d	Conclusion—What is the main “take-away” lesson(s) from this case?	2/38-42	Abstract
Introduction	4	One or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique **(may include references)**	3/44-60	Introduction
Patient Information	5a	De-identified patient specific information	3/65	Case presentation/1
	5b	Primary concerns and symptoms of the patient	3-4/65-70	Case presentation/1
	5c	Medical, family, and psycho-social history including relevant genetic information	4-5/84-85	Case presentation/2
	5d	Relevant past interventions with outcomes	4/70-81	Case presentation/1
Clinical Findings	6	Describe significant physical examination (PE) and important clinical findings	4-5/86-101	Case presentation/3-4
Timeline	7	Historical and current information from this episode of care organized as a timeline	3-5/65--106	Case presentation/1-5
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Diagnostic testing (such as PE, laboratory testing, imaging, surveys).	4-5/86-101	Case presentation/3-4
	8b	Diagnostic challenges (such as access to testing, financial, or cultural)	4/73-76	Case presentation/1
	8c	Diagnosis (including other diagnoses considered)	5/102	Case presentation/5
	8d	Prognosis (such as staging in oncology) where applicable	5/103-106	Case presentation/5
Therapeutic Intervention	9a	Types of therapeutic intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)	4,5/75-77,102-103	Case presentation/1,5
	9b	Administration of therapeutic intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration)	4,5/75-77,102--103	Case presentation/1,5
	9c	Changes in therapeutic intervention (with rationale)	5/103-106	Case presentation/5

Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (if available)	5/103-106	Case presentation/5
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results	5;11/102	Case presentation/5,Table
	10c	Intervention adherence and tolerability (How was this assessed?)	5/103-106	Case presentation/5
	10d	Adverse and unanticipated events	5/105	Case presentation/5
Discussion	11a	A scientific discussion of the strengths AND limitations associated with this case report	6/136-139	Discussion/4
	11b	Discussion of the relevant medical literature **with references**	6/120-135	Discussion/2-3
	11c	The scientific rationale for any conclusions (including assessment of possible causes)	7/141-142	Conclusions/1
	11d	The primary "take-away" lessons of this case report (without references) in a one paragraph conclusion	7/142-145	Conclusions/1
Patient Perspective	12	The patient should share their perspective in one to two paragraphs on the treatment(s) they received	5/103-105	Case presentation/5
Informed Consent	13	Did the patient give informed consent? Please provide if requested	**Yes** ☑	**No** ☐

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