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”	1/1	title
Key Words	2	2 to 5 key words that identify diagnoses or interventions in this case report, including "case report"	2/18-19	key words
Abstract (no references)	3a	Introduction: What is unique about this case and what does it add to the scientific literature?	1,2/29-31,1-2	abstract 1
	3b	Main symptoms and/or important clinical findings	2/3-11	abstract 2
	3c	The main diagnoses, therapeutic interventions, and outcomes	2/11-13	abstract 2
	3d	Conclusion—What is the main “take-away” lesson(s) from this case?	2/13-17	abstract 2
Introduction	4	One or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique **(may include references)**	2,3/21-30,1-14	introduction
Patient Information	5a	De-identified patient specific information	3,/20-29	case presentation2
	5b	Primary concerns and symptoms of the patient	3/9-11	introduction3
	5c	Medical, family, and psycho-social history including relevant genetic information	3/21-22	case presentation2
	5d	Relevant past interventions with outcomes	3/25-29	case presentation2
Clinical Findings	6	Describe significant physical examination (PE) and important clinical findings	4,5/1-5,16-30,1-9	case presentation3
Timeline	7	Historical and current information from this episode of care organized as a timeline	3-5/30,1-30,1-9	case presentation3
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Diagnostic testing (such as PE, laboratory testing, imaging, surveys).	3,4,5/2-5,18-21,28-29,6-7	case presentation3/4/6
	8b	Diagnostic challenges (such as access to testing, financial, or cultural)	5/2-3	case presentation4
	8c	Diagnosis (including other diagnoses considered)	5/10	case presentation7
	8d	Prognosis (such as staging in oncology) where applicable	5/10-13	case presentation8
Therapeutic Intervention	9a	Types of therapeutic intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)	4,5/5-15,21-25,30,7-8	case presentation3-6
	9b	Administration of therapeutic intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration)	4,5/11-14,23,1-2	case presentation3-6
	9c	Changes in therapeutic intervention (with rationale)	4,5/30,1-3	case presentation5-6

Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (if available)	5/10-13	case presentetion8
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results	N/A	N/A
	10c	Intervention adherence and tolerability (How was this assessed?)	N/A	N/A
	10d	Adverse and unanticipated events	N/A	N/A
Discussion	11a	A scientific discussion of the strengths AND limitations associated with this case report	5/15-20	Discussion1
	11b	Discussion of the relevant medical literature **with references**	5-7/21-30,1-30,1-25	Discussion2-5
	11c	The scientific rationale for any conclusions (including assessment of possible causes)	7/2-25	Discussion5
	11d	The primary “take-away” lessons of this case report (without references) in a one paragraph conclusion	7/27-30	conclusion
Patient Perspective	12	The patient should share their perspective in one to two paragraphs on the treatment(s) they received	N/A	N/A
Informed Consent	13	Did the patient give informed consent? Please provide if requested	**Yes** ☑	**No** ☐

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