CARE case report guidelines

CARE Checklist of information to include when writing a case report

(cc) BY-NC-ND

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	Title page/Para 1
Key Words	2	2 to 5 key words that identify diagnoses or interventions in this case report, including "case report"	2/24-25	Keywords/Para 3
Abstract (no references)	3a	Introduction: What is unique about this case and what does it add to the scientific literature?	2/10-12	Abstract/Para 1
	3b	Main symptoms and/or important clinical findings	2/5-8	Abstract/Para 1
	3c	The main diagnoses, therapeutic interventions, and outcomes	2/15-18	Abstract/Para 1
	3d	Conclusion—What is the main “take-away” lesson(s) from this case?	2/18-23	Abstract/Para 1
Introduction	4	One or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique **(may include references)**	3/1-19	Introduction/Para 1-2
Patient Information	5a	De-identified patient specific information	3/22	Case report/Para 1
	5b	Primary concerns and symptoms of the patient	3/22-4/3	Case report/Para 1
	5c	Medical, family, and psycho-social history including relevant genetic information	3/22-4/15	Case report/Para 1
	5d	Relevant past interventions with outcomes	4/17-18	Case report/Para 1
Clinical Findings	6	Describe significant physical examination (PE) and important clinical findings	4/4-9	Case report/Para 1
Timeline	7	Historical and current information from this episode of care organized as a timeline	3/23-4/4	Case report/Para 1
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Diagnostic testing (such as PE, laboratory testing, imaging, surveys).	4/4-21	Case report/Para
	8b	Diagnostic challenges (such as access to testing, financial, or cultural)	4/9	Case report/Para 1
	8c	Diagnosis (including other diagnoses considered)	4/9-10	Case report/Para 1
	8d	Prognosis (such as staging in oncology) where applicable	N/A	
Therapeutic Intervention	9a	Types of therapeutic intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)	6/2-3	Results/Para 1
	9b	Administration of therapeutic intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration)	6/2	Results/Para 1
	9c	Changes in therapeutic intervention (with rationale)	6/6-8	Results/Para 1

Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (if available)	6/7-14	Results/Para 1
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results	6/7-16	Results/Para 1
	10c	Intervention adherence and tolerability (How was this assessed?)	6/14	Results/Para 1
	10d	Adverse and unanticipated events	6/12-14	Results/Para 1
Discussion	11a	A scientific discussion of the strengths AND limitations associated with this case report	8/15	Discussion/Para 5
	11b	Discussion of the relevant medical literature **with references**	7/4-7	Discussion/Para 1
	11c	The scientific rationale for any conclusions (including assessment of possible causes)	8/9-14	Discussion/Para 2
	11d	The primary "take-away" lessons of this case report (without references) in a one paragraph conclusion	8/20-23	Conclusion/Para 1
Patient Perspective	12	The patient should share their perspective in one to two paragraphs on the treatment(s) they received	N/A	
Informed Consent	13	Did the patient give informed consent? Please provide if requested	**Yes** ☑	**No** ☐

Article information: http://dx.doi.org/10.21037/tp-21-112
*As the checklist was provided upon initial submission, the page number/line number reported may be changed due to copyediting and may not be referable in the published version. In this case, the section/paragraph may be used as an alternative reference.