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”	1/1	title
Key Words	2	2 to 5 key words that identify diagnoses or interventions in this case report, including "case report"	2/33	key words
Abstract (no references)	3a	Introduction: What is unique about this case and what does it add to the scientific literature?	1/18	abstract/1
	3b	Main symptoms and/or important clinical findings	1/21~23	abstract/1
	3c	The main diagnoses, therapeutic interventions, and outcomes	1/24~26	abstract/1
	3d	Conclusion—What is the main “take-away” lesson(s) from this case?	1/30	abstract/1
Introduction	4	One or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique **(may include references)**	2/43,44	introduction/1
Patient Information	5a	De-identified patient specific information	2/48	case report/1
	5b	Primary concerns and symptoms of the patient	2/49，50	case report/1
	5c	Medical, family, and psycho-social history including relevant genetic information	2/52	case report/1
	5d	Relevant past interventions with outcomes	2/51	case report/1
Clinical Findings	6	Describe significant physical examination (PE) and important clinical findings	2/54~56	case report/2
Timeline	7	Historical and current information from this episode of care organized as a timeline	2/48~63	case report/1~3
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Diagnostic testing (such as PE, laboratory testing, imaging, surveys).	2/54	case report/2
	8b	Diagnostic challenges (such as access to testing, financial, or cultural)	2/58~63	case report/3
	8c	Diagnosis (including other diagnoses considered)	3/67	case report/5
	8d	Prognosis (such as staging in oncology) where applicable	3/72	case report/6
Therapeutic Intervention	9a	Types of therapeutic intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)	2/64	case report/4
	9b	Administration of therapeutic intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration)	2/64	case report/4
	9c	Changes in therapeutic intervention (with rationale)	N/A	no changes

Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (if available)	3/70	case report/6
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results	3/72	case report/6
	10c	Intervention adherence and tolerability (How was this assessed?)	3/70	case report/6
	10d	Adverse and unanticipated events	3/70	case report/6
Discussion	11a	A scientific discussion of the strengths AND limitations associated with this case report	4/129	discussion/7
	11b	Discussion of the relevant medical literature **with references**	3,4/80~124	discussion/1~6
	11c	The scientific rationale for any conclusions (including assessment of possible causes)	4/133	conclusion/1
	11d	The primary “take-away” lessons of this case report (without references) in a one paragraph conclusion	4/135	conclusion/1
Patient Perspective	12	The patient should share their perspective in one to two paragraphs on the treatment(s) they received	3/70	case report/6
Informed Consent	13	Did the patient give informed consent? Please provide if requested	**Yes** ◉	**No** ○

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