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"	2/13	Keywords
Abstract (no references)	3a	Introduction: What is unique about this case and what does it add to the scientific literature?	2/7-10	Abstract
	3b	Main symptoms and/or important clinical findings	2/4-7	Abstract
	3c	The main diagnoses, therapeutic interventions, and outcomes	2/5-7	Abstract
	3d	Conclusion—What is the main “take-away” lesson(s) from this case?	2/7-10	Abstract
Introduction	4	One or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique **(may include references)**	3/1-5	Introduction 3
Patient Information	5a	De-identified patient specific information	Yes	N/A
	5b	Primary concerns and symptoms of the patient	3/10;17-18	Case presentation 1,2
	5c	Medical, family, and psycho-social history including relevant genetic information	3/10-14	Case presentation 1
	5d	Relevant past interventions with outcomes	3/14-15;19-21	Case presentation 1,2
Clinical Findings	6	Describe significant physical examination (PE) and important clinical findings	3/23-47	Case presentation 3,4
Timeline	7	Historical and current information from this episode of care organized as a timeline	Yes	N/A
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Diagnostic testing (such as PE, laboratory testing, imaging, surveys).	3/18-19;23-32;37-41;45-4	Case presentation 2,3,4
	8b	Diagnostic challenges (such as access to testing, financial, or cultural)	N/A	N/A
	8c	Diagnosis (including other diagnoses considered)	N/A	N/A
	8d	Prognosis (such as staging in oncology) where applicable	N/A	N/A
Therapeutic Intervention	9a	Types of therapeutic intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)	3/15;19-21;47-49, 4/1-4	Case presentation 1,2,4,5
	9b	Administration of therapeutic intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration)	4/1-4	Case presentation 5
	9c	Changes in therapeutic intervention (with rationale)	3/15;19-21;47-49, 4/1-4	Case presentation 1,2,4,5

Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (if available)	4/5-9	Case presentation 5
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results	4/5-7, Figure 2, Figure 3	Case presentation 5;
	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	N/A	N/A
	11b	Discussion of the relevant medical literature **with references**	4/20 - 5/31	Discussion 1,2,3,4,5
	11c	The scientific rationale for any conclusions (including assessment of possible causes)	4/36-50	Discussion 2
	11d	The primary "take-away" lessons of this case report (without references) in a one paragraph conclusion	5/36-42	Conclusions
Patient Perspective	12	The patient should share their perspective in one to two paragraphs on the treatment(s) they received	Patient declined to	N/A
Informed Consent	13	Did the patient give informed consent? Please provide if requested	**Yes** ☑	**No** ☐

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