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/ 3,4	title page/ 1
Key Words	2	2 to 5 key words that identify diagnoses or interventions in this case report, including "case report"	2/ 58	abstract/ 3
Abstract (Structured summary)	3a	Background: state what is known and unknown; why the case report is unique and what it adds to existing literature.	2 / 38-43	abstract/ 1
	3b	Case Description: describe the patient’s demographic details, main symptoms, history, important clinical findings, the main diagnosis, interventions, outcomes and follow-ups.	2/ 44-50	abstract/ 2
	3c	Conclusions: summarize the main take-away lesson, clinical impact and potential implications.	2/ 52-56	abstract/ 3
Introduction	4	One or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique **(may include references)**	4/ 63-82	intriduction/ 1,2
Patient Information	5a	De-identified patient specific information	5/ 85-88	case description/ 1
	5b	Primary concerns and symptoms of the patient	5/ 85-88, 104-106	case description/ 1
	5c	Medical, family, and psycho-social history including relevant genetic information	8/ 161-168	discussion/ 2
	5d	Relevant past interventions with outcomes	5/ 94-98	case description/ 1
Clinical Findings	6	Describe significant physical examination (PE) and important clinical findings	5/ 104-106	case description/ 1
Timeline	7	Historical and current information from this episode of care organized as a timeline	5-6/ 92-115	case description/ 1
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Diagnostic testing (such as PE, laboratory testing, imaging, surveys).	5-6/ 99-100, 107-110	case descritpion/ 1
	8b	Diagnostic challenges (such as access to testing, financial, or cultural)	n/a	
	8c	Diagnosis (including other diagnoses considered)	7/ 149-151, 154-157	discussion/ 2
	8d	Prognosis (such as staging in oncology) where applicable	5,6/ 89-90, 93-94, 121	case description/ 1,2
Therapeutic Intervention	9a	Types of therapeutic intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)	5,6/ 98-104, 113, 117-119	case description/ 1,2
	9b	Administration of therapeutic intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration)	5/ 98-99, 103-104,117-119	case description/ 1,2
	9c	Changes in therapeutic intervention (with rationale)	5/ 94-98,103-104,	case description/ 1,2

Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (if available)	n/a	
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results	6/ 107-110	case description/ 1
	10c	Intervention adherence and tolerability (How was this assessed?)	n/a	
	10d	Adverse and unanticipated events	5,6/104-105, 114,	case description/ 1,2
Discussion	11a	A scientific discussion of the strengths AND limitations associated with this case report	3,10,11/ 59, 211-221	highlight box,
	11b	Discussion of the relevant medical literature **with references**	6-10, 13/	references,discussion/ 1-4
	11c	The scientific rationale for any conclusions (including assessment of possible causes)	9,10/ 173-200	discussion/ 3-5
	11d	The primary “take-away” lessons of this case report (without references) in a one paragraph conclusion	3,10,11/ 59, 211-221	highlight box,
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** ○

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