

CARE Checklist of information to include when writing a case report



Торіс	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"		
Key Words	2	2 to 5 key words that identify diagnoses or interventions in this case report, including "case report"		
Abstract	3a	Background: state what is known and unknown; why the case report is unique and what it adds to existing literature.		
(Structured summary)	3b	Case Description: describe the patient's demographic details, main symptoms, history, important clinical findings, the main diagnosis, interventions, outcomes and follow-ups.		
	3c	Conclusions: summarize the main take-away lesson, clinical impact and potential implications.		
Introduction	4	One or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique (may include references)		
Patient Information	5a	De-identified patient specific information		
	5b	Primary concerns and symptoms of the patient		
	5c	Medical, family, and psycho-social history including relevant genetic information		
	5d	Relevant past interventions with outcomes		
Clinical Findings	6	Describe significant physical examination (PE) and important clinical findings		
Timeline	7	Historical and current information from this episode of care organized as a timeline		
Diagnostic	8a	Diagnostic testing (such as PE, laboratory testing, imaging, surveys).		
Assessment	8b	Diagnostic challenges (such as access to testing, financial, or cultural)		
	8c	Diagnosis (including other diagnoses considered)		
	8d	Prognosis (such as staging in oncology) where applicable		
Therapeutic	9a	Types of therapeutic intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)		
Intervention	9b	Administration of therapeutic intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration)		
	9c	Changes in therapeutic intervention (with rationale)		

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

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TITLE				
Title	1	Identify the report as a systematic review.		
ABSTRACT				
Abstract	2	See the PRISMA 2020 for Abstracts checklist (Table 2).		
INTRODUCTION				
Rationale	3	Describe the rationale for the review in the context of existing knowledge.		
Objectives	4	Provide an explicit statement of the objective(s) or question(s) the review addresses.		
METHODS				
Eligibility criteria	5	Specify the inclusion and exclusion criteria for the review and how studies were grouped for the syntheses.		
Information sources	6	Specify all databases, registers, websites, organisations, reference lists and other sources searched or consulted to identify studies. Specify the date when each source was last searched or consulted.		
Search strategy	7	Present the full search strategies for all databases, registers and websites, including any filters and limits used.		
Selection process	8	Specify the methods used to decide whether a study met the inclusion criteria of the review, including how many reviewers screened each record and each report retrieved, whether they worked independently, and if applicable, details of automation tools used in the process.		
Data collection process	9	Specify the methods used to collect data from reports, including how many reviewers collected data from each report, whether they worked independently, any processes for obtaining or confirming data from study investigators, and if applicable, details of automation tools used in the process.		
Data items	10a	List and define all outcomes for which data were sought. Specify whether all results that were compatible with each outcome domain in each study were sought (e.g. for all measures, time points, analyses), and if not, the methods used to decide which results to collect.		
	10b	List and define all other variables for which data were sought (e.g. participant and intervention characteristics, funding sources). Describe any assumptions made about any missing or unclear information.		

Study risk of bias assessment	11	Specify the methods used to assess risk of bias in the included studies, including details of the tool(s) used, how many reviewers assessed each study and whether they worked independently, and if applicable, details of automation tools used in the process.	
Effect measures	12	Specify for each outcome the effect measure(s) (e.g. risk ratio, mean difference) used in the synthesis or presentation of results.	
Synthesis methods	13a	Describe the processes used to decide which studies were eligible for each synthesis.	
	13b	Describe any methods required to prepare the data for presentation or synthesis, such as handling of missing summary statistics, or data conversions.	
	13c	Describe any methods used to tabulate or visually display results of individual studies and syntheses.	
	13d	Describe any methods used to synthesize results and provide a rationale for the choice(s). If meta-analysis was performed, describe the model(s), method(s) to identify the presence and extent of statistical heterogeneity, and software package(s) used.	
	13e	Describe any methods used to explore possible causes of heterogeneity among study results.	
	13f	Describe any sensitivity analyses conducted to assess robustness of the synthesized results.	
Reporting bias assessment	14	Describe any methods used to assess risk of bias due to missing results in a synthesis (arising from reporting biases).	
Certainty assessment	15	Describe any methods used to assess certainty (or confidence) in the body of evidence for an outcome.	
RESULTS	•		
Study selection	16a	Describe the results of the search and selection process, from the number of records identified in the search to the number of studies included in the review, ideally using a flow diagram.	
	16b	Cite studies that met many but not all inclusion criteria ('near-misses') and explain why they were excluded.	
Study characteristics	17	Cite each included study and present its characteristics.	
Risk of bias in studies	18	Present assessments of risk of bias for each included study.	
Results of individual studies	19	For all outcomes, present, for each study: (a) summary statistics for each group (where appropriate) and (b) an effect estimate and its precision (e.g. confidence/credible interval), ideally using structured tables or plots.	

Results of syntheses	20a	For each synthesis, briefly summarise the characteristics and risk of bias among contributing studies.	
	20b	Present results of all statistical syntheses conducted. If meta-analysis was done, present for each the summary estimate and its precision (e.g. confidence/credible interval) and measures of statistical heterogeneity. If comparing groups, describe the direction of the effect.	
	20c	Present results of all investigations of possible causes of heterogeneity among study results.	
	20d	Present results of all sensitivity analyses conducted to assess the robustness of the synthesized results.	
Reporting biases	21	Present assessments of risk of bias due to missing results (arising from reporting biases) for each synthesis assessed.	
Certainty of evidence	22	Present assessments of certainty (or confidence) in the body of evidence for each outcome assessed.	
DISCUSSION	•		
Discussion	23a	Provide a general interpretation of the results in the context of other evidence.	
	23b	Discuss any limitations of the evidence included in the review.	
	23c	Discuss any limitations of the review processes used.	
	23d	Discuss implications of the results for practice, policy, and future research.	
OTHER INFORMAT	ION		
Registration and protocol	24a	Provide registration information for the review, including register name and registration number, or state that the review was not registered.	
	24b	Indicate where the review protocol can be accessed, or state that a protocol was not prepared.	
	24c	Describe and explain any amendments to information provided at registration or in the protocol.	
Support	25	Describe sources of financial or non-financial support for the review, and the role of the funders or sponsors in the review.	
Competing interests	26	Declare any competing interests of review authors.	
Availability of data, code and other materials	27	Report which of the following are publicly available and where they can be found: template data collection forms; data extracted from included studies; data used for all analyses; analytic code; any other materials used in the review.	

Table 2 PRISMA 2020 for Abstracts checklist

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METHODS						
Eligibility criteria	3	Specify the inclusion and exclusion criteria for the review.				
Information sources	4	Specify the information sources (e.g. databases, registers) used to identify studies and the date when each was last searched.				
Risk of bias	5	Specify the methods used to assess risk of bias in the included studies.				
Synthesis of results	6	Specify the methods used to present and synthesize results.				
RESULTS						
Included studies	7	Give the total number of included studies and participants and summarise relevant characteristics of studies.				
Synthesis of results	8	Present results for main outcomes, preferably indicating the number of included studies and participants for each. If meta-analysis was done, report the summary estimate and confidence/credible interval. If comparing groups, indicate the direction of the effect (i.e. which group is favoured).				
DISCUSSION	DISCUSSION					
Limitations of evidence	9	Provide a brief summary of the limitations of the evidence included in the review (e.g. study risk of bias, inconsistency and imprecision).				
Interpretation	10	Provide a general interpretation of the results and important implications.				
OTHER	OTHER					
Funding	11	Specify the primary source of funding for the review.				
Registration	12	Provide the register name and registration number.				