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”	Page1/Line1-4	Title/Paragraph1
Key Words	2	2 to 5 key words that identify diagnoses or interventions in this case report, including "case report"	Page2/Line21-23	Keywords/Paragraph1
Abstract (Structured summary)	3a	Background: state what is known and unknown; why the case report is unique and what it adds to existing literature.	Page2/Line1-10	Abstract/Paragraph1
	3b	Case Description: describe the patient’s demographic details, main symptoms, history, important clinical findings, the main diagnosis, interventions, outcomes and follow-ups.	Page2/Line11-15	Abstract/Paragraph2
	3c	Conclusions: summarize the main take-away lesson, clinical impact and potential implications.	Page2/Line16-20	Abstract/Paragraph3
Introduction	4	One or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique **(may include references)**	Page3/Line12-Page4/Line2	Introduction/Paragraph1-3
Patient Information	5a	De-identified patient specific information	Page4/Line6-12;Page5/Line12-26	1 Paragraph1;case2 Paragraph1
	5b	Primary concerns and symptoms of the patient	Page4/Line6-7;Page5/Line13-16	1 Paragraph1;case2 Paragraph1
	5c	Medical, family, and psycho-social history including relevant genetic information	Page5/Line12	case presentation/case 2 Paragraph1
	5d	Relevant past interventions with outcomes	Page4/Line7	case presentation/case 1 Paragraph1
Clinical Findings	6	Describe significant physical examination (PE) and important clinical findings	N/A	N/A
Timeline	7	Historical and current information from this episode of care organized as a timeline	Figure1;Figure2	Figure1;Figure2
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Diagnostic testing (such as PE, laboratory testing, imaging, surveys).	Page4/Line6-19;Page5/Line12-26	1 Paragraph1,2;case2 Paragraph1
	8b	Diagnostic challenges (such as access to testing, financial, or cultural)	N/A	N/A
	8c	Diagnosis (including other diagnoses considered)	Page4/Line6,7;Page5/Line23,24	1 Paragraph1;case2 Paragraph1
	8d	Prognosis (such as staging in oncology) where applicable	Page4/Line6,7;Page5/Line23,24	1 Paragraph1;case2 Paragraph1
Therapeutic Intervention	9a	Types of therapeutic intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)	Page4/Line5-7;Page5/Line1-3;Page6/Line8-11	1 Paragraph5;case2 Paragraph4
	9b	Administration of therapeutic intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration)	Page5/Line1-3;Page6/Line9-11	1 Paragraph5;case2 Paragraph4
	9c	Changes in therapeutic intervention (with rationale)	N/A	N/A

Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (if available)	Page4/Line21,33;Page5/Line7;Page6/Line11	1 Paragraph4,5,6;case2 Paragraph4
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results	33;Page5/Line33-34;Page6/Line6-8	1 Paragraph4,5;case2 Paragraph3,4
	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	Page8/Line23-34	Discussion/Paragraph7
	11b	Discussion of the relevant medical literature **with references**	Page6/Line21-Page6/Line22	Discussion/Paragraph16
	11c	The scientific rationale for any conclusions (including assessment of possible causes)	Page8/Line1-22	Discussion/Paragraph6
	11d	The primary “take-away” lessons of this case report (without references) in a one paragraph conclusion	Page8/Line23-34	Discussion/Paragraph7
Patient Perspective	12	The patient should share their perspective in one to two paragraphs on the treatment(s) they received	N/A	N/A
Informed Consent	13	Did the patient give informed consent? Please provide if requested	**Yes** ☑	**No** ☐

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