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”	P1/L1-2	Title section
Key Words	2	2 to 5 key words that identify diagnoses or interventions in this case report, including "case report"	P1/L7	Keyword section
Abstract (Structured summary)	3a	Background: state what is known and unknown; why the case report is unique and what it adds to existing literature.	P1/L9-14	Abstract/Par.1
	3b	Case Description: describe the patient’s demographic details, main symptoms, history, important clinical findings, the main diagnosis, interventions, outcomes and follow-ups.	P1/L15-19	Abstract/Par.2
	3c	Conclusions: summarize the main take-away lesson, clinical impact and potential implications.	P1/L20-24	Abstract/Par.3
Introduction	4	One or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique **(may include references)**	P1-2/L26-42	Introduction/Par.1
Patient Information	5a	De-identified patient specific information	P2/L44	Case presentation/par.1
	5b	Primary concerns and symptoms of the patient	P2/L45-47	Case presentation/par.1
	5c	Medical, family, and psycho-social history including relevant genetic information	P2/L46-48	Case presentation/par.1
	5d	Relevant past interventions with outcomes	P2/L46-48	Case presentation/par.1
Clinical Findings	6	Describe significant physical examination (PE) and important clinical findings	P2/L49-53	Case presentation/par.1
Timeline	7	Historical and current information from this episode of care organized as a timeline	P2-3/L50,56,69,77	Figures 1-4
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Diagnostic testing (such as PE, laboratory testing, imaging, surveys).	P2-3/L50,54-56,64,68,74	Case presentation/par.1
	8b	Diagnostic challenges (such as access to testing, financial, or cultural)	P3/L51	Case presentation/par.1
	8c	Diagnosis (including other diagnoses considered)	P3/L52-54,56-59	Case presentation/par.1
	8d	Prognosis (such as staging in oncology) where applicable	not applicable (no TNM)	not applicable (no TNM)
Therapeutic Intervention	9a	Types of therapeutic intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)	P3/L60,71	Case presentation/par.1
	9b	Administration of therapeutic intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration)	Surgical treatment	Surgical treatment
	9c	Changes in therapeutic intervention (with rationale)	Not occurred	Not occurred

Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (if available)	P3-4/L75-80	Case presentation/par.1
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results	P3-4/L66,76,80	Case presentation/par.1
	10c	Intervention adherence and tolerability (How was this assessed?)	P3/L64,65,75	Case presentation/par.1
	10d	Adverse and unanticipated events	P3/L69	Case presentation/par.1
Discussion	11a	A scientific discussion of the strengths AND limitations associated with this case report	P4/L83-86	Discussion/par.1
	11b	Discussion of the relevant medical literature **with references**	P4-5/L99,103,	Discussion/par.1
	11c	The scientific rationale for any conclusions (including assessment of possible causes)	P4/L104	Discussion/par.1
	11d	The primary "take-away" lessons of this case report (without references) in a one paragraph conclusion	P5/L120	P5/L120
Patient Perspective	12	The patient should share their perspective in one to two paragraphs on the treatment(s) they received	Patient and his parents	Patient and his parents
Informed Consent	13	Did the patient give informed consent? Please provide if requested	**Yes** ☐	**No** ☑

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