CARE case report guidelines

CARE Checklist of information to include when writing a case report

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Topic	Item	Checklist item description	Reported on Line
Title	1	The diagnosis or intervention of primary focus followed by the words "case report"	Line 1-2
Key Words	2	2 to 5 key words that identify diagnoses or interventions in this case report, including "case report"	Line 36-37
Abstract (no references)	3a	Introduction: What is unique about this case and what does it add to the scientific literature?	Line 53-54
	3b	Main symptoms and/or important clinical findings	Line 60-61
	3c	The main diagnoses, therapeutic interventions, and outcomes	Line 96-101
	3d	Conclusion—What is the main "take-away" lesson(s) from this case?	Line 177-182
Introduction	4	One or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique (may include references)	Line 177-182
Patient Information	5a	De-identified patient specific information.	Line 88，113
	5b	Primary concerns and symptoms of the patient	Line 84-86
	5c	Medical, family, and psycho-social history including relevant genetic information	Line 96-97
	5d	Relevant past interventions with outcomes	Line 102-105
Clinical Findings	6	Describe significant physical examination (PE) and important clinical findings.	Line 62-64
Timeline	7	Historical and current information from this episode of care organized as a timeline	Line 60-110
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Diagnostic testing (such as PE, laboratory testing, imaging, surveys).	Line 70-82
	8b	Diagnostic challenges (such as access to testing, financial, or cultural)	Line 84-86
	8c	Diagnosis (including other diagnoses considered)	Line 96-101
	8d	Prognosis (such as staging in oncology) where applicable	Line 110-111
Therapeutic Intervention	9a	Types of therapeutic intervention (such as pharmacologic, surgical, preventive, self-care)	Line 104-106
	9b	Administration of therapeutic intervention (such as dosage, strength, duration)	Line 104-106
	9c	Changes in therapeutic intervention (with rationale)	Line 105-106
Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician and patient-assessed outcomes (if available)	Line 110-111
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic and other test results	Line 110-111
	10c	Intervention adherence and tolerability (How was this assessed?)	Not applicable
	10d	Adverse and unanticipated events	Not applicable
Discussion	11a	A scientific discussion of the strengths AND limitations associated with this case report	Line 120-150
	11b	Discussion of the relevant medical literature with references.	Line 230-282
	11c	The scientific rationale for any conclusions (including assessment of possible causes)	Line 177-182
	11d	The primary "take-away" lessons of this case report (without references) in a one paragraph conclusion	Line 177-182
Patient Perspective	12	The patient should share their perspective in one to two paragraphs on the treatment(s) they received	Not applicable
Informed Consent	13	Did the patient give informed consent? Please provide if requested	Yes ☑ No ☐