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Guidelines for Manuscript Preparation and Submission: Case Report

Core tip: The case report is a descriptive research method in clinical and epidemiological studies. As a common form of medical papers which is well received by clinicians, a case report is a detailed description or documentation of emerging diseases, unusual or rare diseases, or the unusual manifestations of some common diseases. It is of great social significance and scientific value for clinicians to conduct in-depth research on emerging diseases and unusual or rare diseases in clinical practice. A good case report can often lead to the emergence of a new research hotspot and open up a new research field.

In order to help clinical workers prepare high-quality, valuable case reports and accumulate large amounts of high-quality initial evidence for medical research, we developed the following guidelines for case report preparation and submission by following the CARE Checklist – 2016: Information for writing a case report.

You can use the following checklist to help you fulfill the requirements for manuscript submission.

1 WRITING REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE AND FOOTNOTES YES or NO

1.1 Title [yes]

1.2 Authorship [yes]

1.3 Authorship, Institution [yes]

1.4 ORCID number [yes]



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1.5 Supportive foundations ☐ not applicable

[1.6 CARE Checklist (2016) ☐ yes

1.7 Corresponding author ☐ yes

2 WRITING REQUIREMENTS OF MAIN TEXT YES or NO

2.1 Abstract ☐ yes ☐

2.2 Key words ☐ yes ☐

2.3 Core tip ☐ yes ☐

2.4 Introduction ☐ yes ☐

2.5 Case presentation ☐ yes ☐

2.6 Multidisciplinary expert consultation (if relevant) ☐ NA ☐

2.7 Final diagnosis ☐ yes ☐

2.8 Treatment ☐ yes ☐

2.9 Outcome and follow-up ☐ yes ☐

2.10 Discussion ☐ yes ☐

2.11 Conclusion ☐ yes ☐

2.12 Acknowledgments ☐ yes ☐

2.13 References ☐ yes ☐

3 WRITING REQUIREMENTS OF UNITS, FIGURES, TABLES, AND

REFERENCES 3.1 Units ☐ yes ☐

3.2 Illustrations ☐ yes ☐

3.3 Tables ☐ yes ☐

3.4 Notes in illustrations and tables ☐ yes ☐

3.5 Abbreviations ☐ yes ☐

3.6 Italics ☐ yes ☐



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3.7 Acknowledgments ☐ yes

[3.8 References [yes]

4 ETHICS POLICIES/STATEMENTS YES or NO

4.1 Informed consent [yes]

4.2 Conflict-of-interest [yes]

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SPEAKERS OF ENGLISH - Not applicable as authors are native english speakers.**

6 COPYRIGHT LICENSE AGREEMENT yes

7 STEPS FOR SUBMITTING MANUSCRIPTS yes

Appendix A – Criteria for publishable Case Reports

Appendix B – Preparing to upload the manuscript and relevant files

**Appendix C – References for preparing the Case Report with guidelines for writing
and content formatting**



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1 WRITING REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE AND FOOTNOTES

All contributions should be written in English; the authors may use either UK or US English language, but the chosen English language usage must be consistent throughout the document. All articles must be prepared with Word-processing Software, using 12 pt Book Antiqua font and 1.5 line spacing with ample margins. Required information for each of the manuscript sections is as follows:

1.1 Title. The title should be no more than 12 words. The title should summarize the core content of the manuscript, so that the reader may readily understand the key concepts and important findings presented within. The words “case report or case report and review of the literature” should be in the title along with the area of focus. This type of succinct and impactful statement will serve to catch readers' attention and stimulate their interest in reading the abstract and/or downloading the full paper. It is also strongly recommended that the title include one or two of the key words associated with the manuscript's topical content, to facilitate the paper being readily found by electronic searches of public databases, such as Google or PubMed. Finally, a succinct and impactful title will include minimal nonfunctional words, such as “a”, “an”, “the”, and “roles of”, and will avoid non-standard abbreviations.

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Supportive foundation acknowledgment: The complete name(s) of supportive foundation(s) and identification number(s) of grants or other financial support will be provided on the title page of all submitted manuscripts using the following format: **Supported by** the National Natural Science Foundation of China, No. 30224801.

1.6 CARE Checklist (2016). In order to improve the quality of Case Report manuscripts, authors should download and complete the 'CARE Checklist - 2016: Information for writing a case report' to ensure that the manuscript meets the requirements of the "CARE Checklist - 2016: Information for writing a case report". Authors must state on the title page of the manuscript that the guidelines of the CARE Checklist (2016) have



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been adopted (see below). **Authors must upload the PDF version of the completed checklist to the system.**

Sample wording: The authors have read the CARE Checklist (2016), and the manuscript was prepared and revised according to the CARE Checklist (2016).

1.7 Corresponding author. Only one corresponding author is allowed. Designation of co-corresponding authors is not permitted. The corresponding author's contact information should be provided in the following format: Author names (unabbreviated) should be followed by the author's title in bold, and the affiliation, complete name of institution, present address, city, province/state, postcode, country, and E-mail typed in non-bold. All the letters in the E-mail address should be typed in lowercase, and separated from the country by a period and a space. For example, **Andrzej S Tarnawski, MD, PhD, DSc (Med), Professor of Medicine, Chief, Gastroenterology, VA Long Beach Health Care System, University of California, Irvine, 5901 E Seventh St, Long Beach, CA 90822, United States.** astarnaw@uci.edu

2 WRITING REQUIREMENTS OF MAIN TEXT

The main text contains abstract, key words, core tip, introduction, case presentation, multidisciplinary expert consultation (if relevant), final diagnosis, treatment, outcome and follow-up, discussion, conclusion, acknowledgment, and references. the main text writing is as follows:

2.1 Abstract. An informative, structured abstract of no less than 250 words should accompany each manuscript. Abstract should include background, case summary, and



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conclusion. The Abstract will be structured into the following sections, adhering to the word count thresholds indicated in parentheses:

BACKGROUND (no more than 80 words)

What does this case report add to the medical literature? Why did you write it up?

CASE SUMMARY (no more than 150 words)

What were the chief complaints, diagnoses, interventions, and outcomes?

CONCLUSION (no more than 20 words)

What is the main “take-away” lesson from this case?

Kind reminder: Does the abstract’s overall content match that of the main and short titles? Is it structured according to the format shown above?

2.2 Key words. Please list 4-7 key words (including “case report”) which reflect the content of the study and are selected mainly from the MeSH descriptors of the content appropriate MeSH Tree category. For more information on the Medical Subject Headings (MeSH), go to: <https://www.nlm.nih.gov/mesh/>. Each key word is to be typed with the first letter capitalized, and separated by a semicolon, with no period at the end; for example, Colorectal cancer; Epigenetic analysis; Case report

2.3 Core tip. Please write a summary of no more than 100 words to present the core content of your manuscript, highlighting the most innovative and important findings and/or arguments. The purpose of the Core Tip is to attract readers’ interest for reading

the full version of your article and increasing the impact of your article in your field of study.

2.4 Introduction. The Introduction describes the subject, purpose and merit of the case report, and the strategy used for the literature review.

The key points for writing the Introduction are as follows:

- Describe the subject matter.
- State the purpose of the case report.
- Provide background information.
- Provide pertinent definitions.
- Describe the strategy of the literature review and provide search terms.
- Justify the merit of the case report by using the literature review.
- Introduce the patient case to the reader.
- Make the Introduction brief and less than three paragraphs.

Kind reminder: Does the Introduction clearly describe a special clinical problem? Does it present adequate and reasonable rationales for the study? Does it clearly describe a research aim or a research hypothesis?

2.5 Case presentation. Under the heading of Case Presentation, the following seven aspects must be presented in this order: 1) Chief complaints; 2) History of present illness; 3) History of past illness; 4) Personal and family history; 5) Physical examination upon admission; 6) Laboratory examinations e.g., routine blood tests, routine urine tests and urinary sediment examination, routine fecal tests and occult blood test, blood biochemistry, immune indexes, and infection indexes; and 7) Imaging



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examinations e.g., ultrasound, plain abdominal and pelvic CT scan, high-resolution chest CT scan, and head MRI. The patient case presentation should be descriptive, organized chronologically, accurate, salient, and presented in a narrative form.

The key points for writing the Case Presentation are as follows:

- Describe the case in a narrative form.
- Provide patient demographics (age, sex, height, weight, race, occupation).
- Avoid patient identifiers (date of birth, initials).
- Describe the patient's complaint.
- List the patient's present illness.
- List the patient's medical history.
- List the patient's family history.
- List the patient's social history.
- List the patient's medication history before admission and throughout the case duration that is described in the report.
- Ensure that the medication history includes any herbals, vaccines, depot injections, and nonprescription medications, and state that the patient was asked for this history.
- List each drug's name, strength, dosage form, route, and dates of administration.
- Verify the patient's medication adherence.
- Provide renal and hepatic organ function data for determining the appropriateness of medication dosing regimens.
- List the patient's drug allergy status, including the name of the drug (brand or generic) and the date and type of reaction.
- List the patient's adverse drug reaction history and the dates of any reactions.
- Provide pertinent serum drug levels and include the time of each level taken and its relationship to a dose.
- Provide the patient's dietary history.



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- Provide pertinent findings on physical examination.
- Provide pertinent laboratory values that support the case.
- Provide the reference range for laboratory values that are not widely known or established.
- List the completed diagnostic procedures that are pertinent and support the case.
- Paraphrase the salient results of the diagnostic procedures.
- Provide photographs of histopathology, roentgenograms, electrocardiograms, skin manifestations, or anatomy as they relate to the case.
- Obtain permission from the patient to use the patient's photographs, or follow institutional guidelines.
- Provide the patient's events in chronological order.
- Ensure a temporal relationship.
- Ensure a causal relationship.
- Ensure that the patient case presentation provides enough detail for the reader to establish the case's validity.

Kind reminder: Are patient characteristics described appropriately in the Case Presentation? Is the initial clinical scenario described appropriately? Does the clinical scenario support the intervention? Are other interventions discussed? Is there any good reason to rule out other interventions? Are intervention techniques and clinical operations described appropriately? Are clinical outcomes described in detail? Are the effects of treatment clearly reported? Are follow-up outcomes reported? Do figures adequately and appropriately describe the initial clinical scenario? Do figures adequately and appropriately describe the technical process of treatment? Do figures adequately and appropriately describe the final clinical scenario?

2.6 Multidisciplinary expert consultation (if relevant)

Andrzej S Tarnawski, DSc, MD, PhD, Professor, Chief of Gastroenterology

Bao-Gan Peng, MD, PhD, Chief Doctor, Professor, Department of Spinal Surgery

2.7 Final diagnosis

2.8 Treatment

2.9 Outcome and follow-up

2.10 Discussion. The discussion should compare and contrast the case report's findings with the literature review, establish causal and temporal relationships, and validate the case with a probability scale. The literature review should be extensive and should support the justification of the Case Report. The discussion section should end with a brief summary of the case along with rational recommendations and conclusions.

The key points for writing the Discussion are as follows:

- Compare and contrast the nuances of the case report with the literature review.
- Explain or justify the similarities and differences between the case report and the literature.
- List the limitations of the case report and describe their relevance.
- Confirm the accuracy of the descriptive patient case report.
- Establish a temporal relationship.
- Establish a causal relationship.

- Report the validity of the case report by applying a probability scale such as the Naranjo nomogram.
- Summarize the salient features of the case report.
- Justify the uniqueness of the case.
- Draw recommendations and conclusions.

Kind reminder: Are the limitations of methodology discussed from a perspective of research design in the Discussion? Is there any discussion about the potential variation of clinical outcomes? Is there any discussion about literature evidence supporting the intervention? Are the factors that limit the intervention's proper implementation discussed?

2.11 Conclusion. The Conclusion section must provide a brief conclusion with evidence-based recommendations.

The key points for writing the Conclusion are as follows:

- Provide a justified conclusion.
- Provide evidence-based recommendations.
- Describe how the information learned from this case report will apply to one's own practice.
- List opportunities for research.
- Ensure that this section is brief and does not exceed one paragraph.

Kind reminder: Is the conclusion clear and does it have bias? Is it drawn based on the clinical significance of research results? Do you clearly describe whether the treatment was successful?

2.12 Acknowledgments. Brief acknowledgments should be included for persons who have made genuine contributions to the manuscript and who endorse the data and conclusions. The name of commercial companies, such as English language editing companies, should not be present in this section.

2.13 References. Case Reports generally have 30–60 references.

3 WRITING REQUIREMENTS OF UNITS, FIGURES, TABLES, AND REFERENCES

3.1 Units. Use SI units. For example: body mass, m (B) = 78 kg; blood pressure, p (B) = 16.2/12.3 kPa; incubation time, t (incubation) = 96 h; blood glucose concentration, c (glucose) = 6.4 ± 2.1 mmol/L; blood CEA mass concentration, p (CEA) = 8.6–24.5 g/L; CO₂ volume fraction, 50 mL/L CO₂, not 5% CO₂; likewise, for 40 g/L formaldehyde, not 10% formalin; and mass fraction, 8 ng/g, *etc.* Arabic numerals such as 23,243,641 (*i.e.*, 23 million, 243 thousand, and 641) should be written as 23243641, with no commas or spaces. The format for how to accurately write common units and quantities can be found at: <https://www.wjgnet.com/bpg/gerinfo/189>.

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Avoid layering type directly over shaded or textured areas in the figure. Uniform presentation should be used for figures showing the same or similar contents; for example, “**Figure 1 Pathological changes of atrophic gastritis after treatment.** A: ...; B: ...; C: ...; D: ...; E: ...; F: ...; G: ...”.

3.3 Tables. Tables must be presented in the order that they appear in the main text of the manuscript (numbered as 1, 2, 3, *etc.*). A brief, one-line title must be provided for each table. Detailed legends should not be included under tables, instead having the information presented in the main text where applicable; the information should complement, but not duplicate the text. Use one horizontal line under the title, a second under the column headings, and a third below the last row of the Table (being above any footnotes). Vertical lines and italics should be omitted.

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Tables must be primarily cell-based and fully editable. Do not use the following to organize data or structure the table: (1) Returns (“Enter” key); (2) Tabs; (3) Spaces; (4) Colored text; (5) Cell shading; and (6) Cells within cells. The software used should be Word (preferred) or Excel. BPG does not allow for graphics, boxes or embedded tables to appear in the main body of the manuscript.

3.4 Notes in illustrations and tables.

Data with statistical significance in a figure or table should be denoted using superscripted alphabetical lettering, such as ^a*P* < 0.05 and ^b*P* < 0.01. If there are other series of *P* values, the alphabetical subscripted denotation format is continued, such as ^c*P*

< 0.05 *vs* control, ^d*P* < 0.01 *vs* control, ^e*P* < 0.05 *vs* group A, and ^f*P* < 0.01 *vs* group B. Data that are not statistically significant should not be denoted, *i.e.*, *P* > 0.05 is not an allowed denotation.

Other notes in tables or under illustrations should be expressed as F¹, F², F³, or sometimes as other superscripted symbols (Arabic numerals). In a multi-curve illustration, each curve should be labeled with ●, ○, ■, □, ▲, △, *etc.*, in a specified sequence.

3.5 Abbreviations. Standard abbreviations should be defined in the abstract and in the main body of the manuscript upon first mention in the text. In general, terms should not be abbreviated unless they are used three times or more and the abbreviation is helpful to the reader. Permissible abbreviations are listed in Units, Symbols and Abbreviations: A Guide for Biological and Medical Editors and Authors (Ed. Baron DN, 1988) published by The Royal Society of Medicine, London. Certain commonly used abbreviations, such as DNA, RNA, HIV, LD50, PCR, HBV, ECG, WBC, RBC, CT, ESR, CSF, IgG, ELISA, PBS, ATP, EDTA, and mAb, do not need to be defined and can be used directly.

3.6 Italics. Quantities: *t*, time or temperature; *c*, concentration; *A*, area; *l*, length; *m*, mass; *V*, volume. Genotypes: *gyrA*, *arg 1*, *c myc*, *c fos*, *etc.* Restriction enzymes: *EcoRI*, *HindI*, *BamHI*, *Kbo I*, *Kpn I*, *etc.* Biological nomenclature: *H. pylori*, *E. coli*, *etc.* Latin terms: *i.e.*, *e.g.*, *via*, *etc.*

3.7 Acknowledgments. Brief acknowledgments of persons who have made genuine contributions to the manuscript and who endorse the data and conclusions should be included. The name of commercial companies, such as English language editing companies, should not be present in this section.

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The author should number the references in Arabic numerals according to the citation order in the text. The reference numbers will be superscripted in square brackets at the end of the sentence with the citation content or after the cited author's name, with no spaces. For example, "Crohn's disease (CD) is associated with increased intestinal permeability^[1,2]." If references are cited directly in the text, they should be included with the direct citation content within the text; for example, "From references^[19,22-24], we know that...". Before submitting your manuscript, please ensure that the order of citations in



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the text is the same as in the references section, and also ensure the spelling accuracy of the authors' names. Do not list the same citation twice (*i.e.*, with two different numbers).

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(3) *Style for journal references*

For authors' names, the name of the first author should be typed in bold letters; the family (sur)name of all authors should be typed with the first letter capitalized, followed by their abbreviated first and middle initials. For example, an article by Lian-Sheng Ma and Bo-Rong Pan will be written as Ma LS and Pan BR. The title of the cited article will be written in sentence case. The journal title will be written in its abbreviated form (as shown in PubMed) in italics and followed by the article publication information (not italicized), including the publication date, volume number (in bold numbers), and start page through end page (separated by a hyphen, with no space). The PMID and DOI will follow this information and be written as [PMID: 11819634 DOI: 10.3748/wjg.13.5396].

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For the authors' names, the name of the first author should be typed in bold letters. The family (sur)name of all authors should be typed with the initial letter capitalized, followed by their abbreviated middle and first initials. The book title will follow the

authors' names and not be italicized. The publication information will follow, written as punctuated here: publication number, publication place: publication press, year: start page-end page.

BPG uses the reference style outlined by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE), also referred to as the "Vancouver" style. Example formats are listed below. Additional examples are in the [ICMJE sample references](#).

Journal name abbreviations should be those found in the [National Center for Biotechnology Information databases](#).

PRINT JOURNALS

English-language journal articles (list all authors and include the PMID and DOI, where applicable):

1 Ma L, Chua MS, Andrisani O, So S. Epigenetics in hepatocellular carcinoma: An update and future therapy perspectives. *World J Gastroenterol* 2014; 20: 333-345 [PMID: 24574704 PMCID: PMC3923010 DOI: 10.3748/wjg.v20.i2.333]

Chinese-language journal articles (list all authors and include the PMID and DOI, where applicable):

2 Zhang ZM, Deng H, Zhang C, Yu HW, Liu Z, Liu LM, Wan BJ, Zhu MW. Strategies for diagnosis and treatment of benign and malignant colorectal obstruction. *Shijie Huaren Xiaohua Zazhi* 2017; 25: 2597-2604 [DOI: 10.11569/wcjd.v25.i29.2597]

In press articles:

3 Sipos F, Constantinovits M, Valcz G, Tulassay Z, Múzes G. Association of hepatocyte-derived growth factor receptor/caudal type homeobox 2 co-expression with mucosal regeneration in active ulcerative colitis. *World J Gastroenterol* 2015; In press

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- Describe rare or novel adverse drug reactions.
- Describe a therapeutic failure or a lack of therapeutic efficacy.
- Describe rare or novel drug–drug, drug–food or drug–nutrient interactions.
- Report unlabeled or unapproved uses of a medication.
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- Use life-saving techniques not previously documented.
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