Checklist for Case Reports

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	YES/ NO/NA
Title	Mentions the area of focus	
Key words	2 to 5 key words (included from MeSH) that identify areas covered	
Word count	Maximum word count of text does not exceed 1300	
Abstract	Unstructured with maximum word count of 150	
	Uniqueness of this case and its importance in medical literature mentioned	
	Main symptoms of the patient and the important clinical findings given	
	Main diagnoses, therapeutics interventions, and outcomes mentioned	
	Conclusion— primary "take-home" message from this case given	
Introduction	Includes one or two paragraphs summarizing why this case is unique with references	
Patient Information	Demographic and other patient specific information given	
	Main symptoms of the patient along with medical, family and psychosocial history given	
Timeline	Important information from patient's history organized as timeline	
Clinical findings	Relevant physical examination (PE) and other significant clinical findings described	
Diagnostic Assessment	Diagnostic methods described in detail along with reasoning and diagnostic challenges	
Therapeutic Intervention	Type of intervention along with its administration given	
Follow-up and outcomes	Clinician and patient assessed outcomes given	
	Intervention adherence and tolerability and how it was assessed clearly mentioned	
	Adverse and un anticipated events mentioned	
Discussion	Strengths and limitations in approach to this case mentioned	
	Discussion of relevant medical literature	
	Conclusion and primary take away lesson of this case report given	
References	10-12 references given in Vancouver style of referencing	
Figures/Tables/ Photographs	Maximum 4	
Informed Consent	Written informed consent from patient/guardian/next of kin (Copy attached)	
Confidentiality	Protection is given against disclosing identity of the patient	
	Where possible, case report is reviewed by the individual to permit editing or removal of any confidential or compromising material	

Source: Adapted from CARE checklist (2013)