

# Reviewer's Report Template for Case Reports

After receiving an invitation for review, you will have access to the following platform to download and review the case report. Your review will consist of two parts: one that will be sent to the authors, and another that includes confidential comments to the editor.

You can also refer back to the Review Guidelines of IJCR when deemed necessary.

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### A- Comments to the authors and editor

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An example is presented below for your reference:

#### 1. Summary:

This case report is well structured overall, and it was found that it adds to current knowledge, but it needs many modifications that we will point out in the comments sections below.

*In general*, the relevance of the report was highlighted, and no breaches of ethical practice were noted

*The title* accurately described the case however you need to include the phrase "a case report" in the title as per the CARE guidelines for case reports.

*The abstract* is too short, it needs to be developed further and structured into background, case presentation and conclusion.

*Key words:* At least 5 MeSH keywords with the core message included need to be specified after the abstract.



### 2. Major comments:

#### In the background:

- 1. **Page 1 line 7**, you mention that the disease occurs at a rate of 1 in 150,000, but no in-text citation was provided regarding this.
- 2. Additional information about the general diagnostic methods specific to the disease in question are recommended.
- 3. Mentioning other therapeutic options than the one you opted for is highly recommended.

#### In the case presentation:

- 1. **Page 2,** you have failed to mention the ethnicity of the patient, since the disease you are discussing is known to be very common in a specific ethnic group, it would be of added value to mention whether the patient belonged to that group or not.
- 2. You have failed to mention anything about the family history of the patient. Since the disease you are discussing is known to be genetic, kindly mention if there was any history of the disease in the family.
- 3. **Page 3, line 4,** kindly provide more descriptions about the dose, timing and route of administration of the drug used.

#### In the discussion:

- 1. Adequate literature review, but kindly emphasize why the case is important, by focusing on the rarity of the occurrence of this disease in a young female patient.
- 2. Discuss why you used the specific diagnostic method that was opted for instead of the other possible methods.
- 3. Explain the medical management chosen and include patient outcome and follow up.

#### Conclusion

No major comments regarding the conclusion



#### 3. Minor comments:

- 1. Page 1, line 3, the sentence "..." is slightly confusing, reformulate it in a simpler way.
- 2. Page 2, line 4, the in-text citation is incorrectly displayed (APA style), kindly fix it to match the rest of the citations, and make sure to put them all in brackets as follow "[1]" instead of parentheses.
- 3. Page 2, line 10, please split the demographics/clinical presentation/physical examination findings of the patient from the investigations or diagnostic approach into two paragraphs.
- 4. Page 3, line 15, we recommend that you split the diagnostic approach and management into two paragraphs.
- 5. Page 5, references are displayed in the APA style, kindly convert them to the American Medical Association style as per the International Journal of Clinical Research's guidelines.
- 6. Page 6, figures are not labelled, and they are not referred to within the text, please make sure to fix that. Figure 1 needs editing to include proper pointing at the radiologic finding with an arrow.

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## **B-** Confidential comments to the editor

Kindly copy and paste the three subsections of your confidential review for the editor (General impressions, Concerns and Decision Recommendation) into the form below:

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#### 1. General impressions

- *Structure:* The article is overall well-structured and it respects the section requirements as per the template guidelines of the IJCR for case reports. It needs slight modifications, better splitting of paragraphs, but otherwise no major changes are needed.
- *Length:* The length of the article is appropriate.
- *Readability:* The sentences are well structured, and there is an adequate flow of ideas.
- Relevance and novelty: Only few reports present similar cases, and this case itself
  presents an added value since it is rare for this disease to occur in young women,
  so it is important to publish such a case and remind the scientific community of this
  possibility.
- *Proper referencing:* References need to be modified since they are in the APA style whereas they need to be submitted in the American Medical Association style as per the IJCR guidelines.
- *Quality of figures:* figures need to be titled and referenced appropriately in the text. Figure 1 needs editing to include proper pointing at the radiologic finding.
- Conclusions: The conclusion is well written and appropriate.

## 2. Concerns

No identified concerns



### 3. Decision Recommendation

After a careful review of this article, I believe that it should be resubmitted for review after minor revisions that will be pointed out to the author. (In this section, you can defend or argue your decision confidentially to the editor).

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It is the editor who makes the final decision and it might not be in line with your recommendation.

Therefore, please do not provide your decision to the authors in the REVIEW section above

# KINDLY REFER TO THE **IJCR GUIDELINES FOR REVIEWERS** FOR MORE INFORMATION, AND FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US SHALL YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. KEEP UP THE GOOD JOB!