



DISCOVERIES **Format of Original Articles - Case Reports**

Case reports are considered Original Articles that describe rare diseases, unusual presentations, unexpected clinical findings, novel diagnostic challenges, or unique therapeutic outcomes that contribute meaningful knowledge to clinical practice.

Although there is no strict length limitation, manuscripts should remain clear, concise, and clinically focused. A typical case report manuscript is 1500–3000 words, excluding abstract, references, and figure legends.

We strongly encourage authors to emphasize the clinical relevance and novelty of the case in both the Abstract and Conclusion sections.

Case reports should ideally include 2–5 figures illustrating clinical findings, imaging, or histopathology when applicable..

Title Page:

- Title
- Running title – please use less than 55 characters
- Authors & affiliations
- Corresponding author’s institutional address/ phone/ e-mail

ABSTRACT

The abstract should be organized to include the following elements:

- Background
- Case presentation
- Clinical significance or conclusion

However, these section titles do not need to be explicitly stated within the abstract. The abstract should clearly convey the uniqueness of the case and its clinical relevance. The total length of the abstract should not exceed **350 words**.

Keywords and the list of the Abbreviations

Please provide at least 5 keywords.

Bullet points (exceptions may apply if requested by the authors):

Please provide:

- at least 1-2 bullet points highlighting the **CURRENT KNOWLEDGE** (most important discoveries) in the field (part of Introduction section), the **QUESTION** asked by the authors and addressed by the submitted manuscript (Introduction section) and/or the **DISCOVERIES** presented in the manuscript, and their contribution to the progress of the field (Conclusion section)

MAIN TEXT

There is **no strict word limit**, but case reports are typically **1500 - 3000 words**.
The manuscript should be organized as follows:

Introduction

Provide a brief background including:

- Epidemiology of the condition
- Typical clinical presentation
- Why the case is rare or significant
- Brief review of relevant literature

Case Presentation

This section should include:

- Patient demographics
- Medical history
- Clinical presentation and symptoms
- Physical examination findings
- Diagnostic tests and results (if applicable)
- Differential diagnoses considered
- Final diagnosis
- Treatment and clinical course
- Follow-up outcomes

All patient information must be **de-identified**.

Discussion

This section should:

- Compare the case with previously reported cases
- Explain why the presentation is unusual
- Discuss pathophysiology if relevant
- Review relevant literature
- Explain diagnostic challenges
- Highlight clinical lessons for physicians

The discussion should **reference prior reports of similar cases when possible**.

Conclusion

Summarize:

- The key clinical learning points
- The importance of early recognition
- Implications for diagnosis or patient care

DISPLAY ITEMS

Case reports should include at least **2 figures**, when available.

Examples:

- Clinical photographs of lesions
- Dermatomal distribution diagrams
- Imaging findings
- Histopathology (if applicable)

When submitting:

- All figures should be included in the **main manuscript file (.pdf or .doc)**
- If accepted, figures must be submitted separately as:
 - **.tiff files**
 - **300 dpi resolution or higher**

Figure legends should contain:

- Title
- Description of findings
- Relevant annotations

Figures must be cited **in consecutive order in the text**.

REFERENCES

Case reports should include **at least 15 references**, including **minimum 3 references published within the last 3 years**

References must follow the **Vancouver format**.

Example: Gerard KR, Gerd B, Johnson F, Erik AS, Deiry JK, Saez R et al. A novel small molecule inhibits protein X activation inducing necroptosis. *Discoveries*. 2013;3:113-118.

Include the **DOI whenever possible**. For **more than 6 authors**, use **et al**. Maximum references recommended: **40** (exceptions may apply).

Conflicts of Interest

All conflicts of interest related to the research work have to be recognized and disclosed in the manuscript.

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ETHICS AND CONSENT

For case reports a statement should be included in the manuscript.

- Written **patient consent** for publication must be obtained.
- Authors should confirm that **identifying information has been removed**.

Example:

"Written informed consent for publication of this case and accompanying images was obtained from the patient."