

ACCP Case Report Abstract Evaluation Criteria

Case Report Abstract Structure: Introduction, Case, Discussion, and Conclusion

CRITERION	SCORE	DESCRIPTION
Title The title: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> contains the words “case report”, and conveys the case’s area of focus (such as diabetes, a therapeutic approach, an outcome). 	0 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does <i>not</i> meet both of the criterion Meets <i>both</i> components of the criterion
Introduction The introduction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> defines what is unique about this case, describes what it adds to the medical literature, and justifies importance of the case report. 	0 1 2 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does <i>not</i> meet the criterion, or the intent of the criterion, <i>at all</i> Meets <i>some</i> components of the criterion Meets <i>most</i> components of the criterion Meets <i>all</i> components of the criterion
Case The stated case: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> presents the de-identified patient’s chief complaint, lists and briefly substantiates diagnoses, chronologically describes interventions, and summarizes relevant outcomes. 	0 1 2 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does <i>not</i> meet the criterion, or the intent of the criterion, <i>at all</i> Meets <i>some</i> components of the criterion Meets <i>most</i> components of the criterion Meets <i>all</i> components of the criterion
Discussion The discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> compares/contrasts the case to the relevant medical literature available, identifies strengths and limitations in the interventional approach to this case, or in the information available about the case, and proposes a testable hypothesis based on findings of the case. 	0 1 2 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does <i>not</i> meet the criterion, or the intent of the criterion, <i>at all</i> Meets <i>some</i> components of the criterion Meets <i>most</i> components of the criterion Meets <i>all</i> components of the criterion
Conclusions The conclusion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> states main “take-away” points from the case, does <u>not</u> simply reiterate findings presented in the case, and does <u>not</u> introduce new interventions or findings, which should’ve been presented previously in the case. 	0 1 2 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does <i>not</i> meet the criterion, or the intent of the criterion, <i>at all</i> Meets <i>some</i> components of the criterion Meets <i>most</i> components of the criterion Meets <i>all</i> components of the criterion

<p>Readability and Organization</p> <p>The abstract:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clearly communicates thoughts and concepts, • uses concise writing; avoids repetition and wordiness, • utilizes professional language and style, and • is free of grammatical or technical errors. 	<p>0</p> <p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does <i>not</i> meet the criterion, or the intent of the criterion, <i>at all</i> • Meets <i>some</i> components of the criterion • Meets <i>most</i> components of the criterion • Meets <i>all</i> components of the criterion
<p>Overall Impression</p> <p>The overall impression evaluates the entire abstract, as a whole. It is not a mathematical representation of the individual scores above.</p>	<p>0</p> <p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>3</p> <p>4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very poor • Poor • Good • Very good • Outstanding