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“Why should we publish your case report?”

Over the past years, many case reports have been submitted to our journal. A large number of these describe beautiful-looking clinical work, along with an excellent photographic documentation. Unfortunately, the majority of these submissions are merely a presentation of a “nice result”, without giving any background information. They therefore have had to be rejected.

Case reports are defined as the scientific documentation of a single clinical

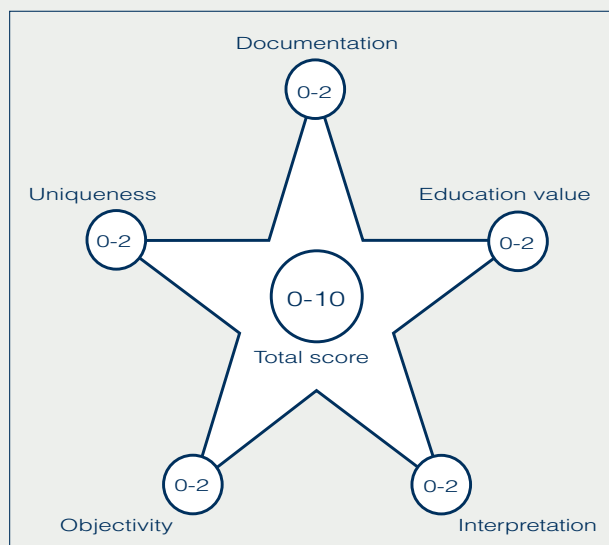


Fig 1 Pierson's conceptual scheme for evaluating the quality of a case report.



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observation. They have a rich and time-honored tradition in medical and scientific publication. When they are prepared carefully and interpreted with appropriate circumspection, case reports have a valuable part to play, both in the advance of medical knowledge and in the pursuit of education.¹

A good starting point to preparing a case report is the CARE guidelines, which provide a checklist that is a helpful framework when writing such a report.² In addition, I recommend reading the above-mentioned article, “A report on case reports”.

We will update our guidelines and post them to the IJED website to help potential authors to submit higher-quality case reports.

Enjoy reading.

Sincerely yours,
Alessandro Devigus

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