Case Report: What should be First Selected to Report?

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Case report is the part of medical publication that can be seen in biomedical journals around the world. It becomes the important source for promoting new knowledge, in a short form, to the reader. It is usually read and further used my general practitioner. Case report might be different from other kinds of article but it is specific to the biomedical activities, which can be further referenced in clinical practice [1]. There is a common question from the new comer, new investigator, that “what case should be reported?” This is a simple question but very important. Conceptually, the case report is a way to communicate between author and reader via editor on the author’s experience on special case or event. This might be comparable to qualitative research in non biomedical field. Qualitative report means the reports that use the qualitative research methodology for exploration. The in-depth analysis of the situation based on theoretical operation is the key point for the qualitative research as well as case report. To construct a good case report, it is widely suggested. It is noted that the good case report should have these characteristics, a) clear, b) informative and c) give new situation. The good case should be in these following areas; a) new finding, new diagnosis, new treatment, new prevention, b) rare case, c) lesson learnt on error, d) innovation, new hypothesis or new idea, e) complex case, complication or adverse event, f) emerging problem and g) reanalysis of known problem [2]. Nevertheless, the most important step for any new comer is to realize the case and have brave academic mind to report the case. Finally, any case report has to follow the general rule of ethics, which is the most important part to promote clean and honesty academic society.

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