Aerospace Medicine and Human Performance (AMHP)

Case Report Guidance

Case Reports describe interesting or unusual clinical cases, aeromedical events, or unusual incidents related to the conditions that can occur during flight, in space, undersea, and other environmental conditions. They should include a short Introduction to provide perspective, details of the Case, and Discussion that includes reference to pertinent literature. Such manuscripts should not exceed 3,000 words with approximately 12 references and a combined total of four Tables/Figures.

A basic Case Report Template appears on the following pages. This template was constructed using the AMHP Instructions for Authors that can be accessed via our website (http://www.editorialmanager.com/amhp/)

The checklist below can help avoid common errors:

1. ________ Title page must be blinded; no author names or affiliations. Only include title, metrics, and short running head.
2. ________ Justification is required for more than seven authors. Please adhere to the qualifications for authorship found in the instructions for authors at http://www.editorialmanager.com/amhp/. Please provide the justification in your cover letter.
3. ________ Entire manuscript is double spaced.
4. ________ Page numbers are in the header in the right upper corner beginning with the title page.
5. ________ All text is left margin justified (not full).
6. ________ Font size is 11 or 12 pt.
7. ________ Figures and tables are properly cited in the text.
8. ________ References are cited sequentially in the text and in the proper format in the list.
Title of Case Report*

Short running head

Metrics:

Word count (abstract): limited to 250

Word count (main text): limited to 3,000

Number of references: limited to 12

Number of tables: tables and figures combined limited to 4

Number of figures: tables and figures combined limited to 4

* Title may be no longer than 100 characters and spaces. It should not be in the form of a questions, contain the names of nations or organizations, or be assertive in nature. Title should contain key words that enable the reader to find it when searching for it online.
ABSTRACT

All Case Report abstracts should include three labeled sections: background, case report, and discussion.

BACKGROUND: Provide some context here about the case report that will be in this paper. Have there been any previous cases like it? Why is the case potentially important to the aeromedical community?

CASE REPORT: Briefly describe the case here giving enough detail for the reader to get a good sense about any symptoms, diagnoses, treatments, and outcomes.

DISCUSSION: What was learned from this case? Does the case raise any future concerns? How does the case fit in with any existing literature that is related to the case? Make recommendations here, if applicable, keeping in mind that the results of a case report might not be generalizable.

KEYWORDS: place several key words here (words that are in the title need not be included. They will automatically be used for indexing purposes.
BACKGROUND

The Background section begins here and should be labeled. Include any historical background related to the case. Also, briefly review any literature closely related to the case. The Introduction should be long enough to sufficiently ‘set up’ the Case Report that will follow, but should not be overly detailed. Generally, several paragraphs will be needed but the Introduction should rarely be longer than 1,000 words.

CASE REPORT

The details of the case should be presented here. It should include an adequately detailed and pertinent history (symptoms and a chronological description of events). It should also include physical examination information (objectively identifiable signs). The patient should be described as thoroughly as possible including age, gender, occupation, and any pre-existing conditions. Pertinent positive and normal tests and results should be described here as well as any performed procedures. Diagnoses, treatments, and outcomes should also be described.

DISCUSSION

Describe here what you think can be learned from this case and why the case is important. Be
careful not to make conclusions that are too strong in the Discussion section. Also address how the outcomes of the case compare with other similar cases, if any exist. Connect the case to relevant existing literature as much as possible. End the discussions with any recommendations that can be made. The case you are reporting may be interesting and potentially important, but keep in mind that without a carefully designed study, cause and effect relationships cannot be concluded. Therefore, further research might be suggested with the understanding that case reports are limited; results cannot be generalized.
REFERENCES

References always start on a new page. They must be list in the order they were cited in the text and double-spaced. For a complete reference style guide please go to the main page of our website: https://www.editorialmanager.com/amhp. Two examples are given below; one for more than six authors and one for fewer than six authors.


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FIGURE CAPTIONS

Fig. 1. A line drawing showing the location of the XXXXX on the patient’s XXXXX.

NOTE: Figures must be uploaded as separate files (jpg, docx, tif) without the figure caption.