**Author's response to reviews**

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October 30th, 2013,

Dear Journal of Medical Case Reports Editorial Team,

We thank both of the reviewers for their time and their thoughtful and helpful comments regarding our editorial. We have made all of the suggested revisions which have been highlighted in red within our revised manuscript and our point-by-point responses are as follows below in underlined italics:

Reviewer’s report

Title: The CARE (CAse REport) guidelines and the standardization of case reports

Version: 1 Date: 25 September 2013

Reviewer: Jean Karl Soler

Comments to authors:

I believe that this editorial is a very good introduction to the guidelines, and both together have very good potential to become highly cited articles in the field of medical case reports. This editorial makes the case for case reports very well, and sets the scene for the paper on the CARE guidelines.

I would unreservedly recommend it for publication, with suggestions for some minor changes, listed below. Thank you very much for these kind comments.

Minor revisions, not compulsory:

Page 1, Para 4, line 5. I would explain that “RAR, MRK and CAK” are the authors of this paper. These changes were made.

Page 2, Para 2, Line 3. The first use of the word “available” here seems superfluous.

Page 2, Para 2, Line 5. I would precede the abbreviation “MRK” with the word “author.” This change was made.

Page 2, Para 2, Line 6. I would include the word “included” before or after the words “medical journals.” This change was made.

Page 2, Para 2, Line 7. This sentence is too long. I would split it at the word
“and”, starting a new sentence with “The data...”  This change was made.

Page 2, Para 3, Lines 1,2. I would consider “non-journal specific” rather than “non-specific journal.”  This change was made.

I hope that this is helpful  Yes, thank you. These comments were quite helpful.

Reviewer’s report
Title: The CARE (CAse REport) guidelines and the standardization of case reports
Version: 1 Date: 2 September 2013
Reviewer: Geoff Wong

Comments to authors:
This manuscript is clearly written and fulfils its aim of highlighting the existence and methods behind the new CARE reporting guidelines.

I have made a few minor (voluntary) suggestions in the attached document.

Thank you for your kind comments. We have read the attached document and do see a few areas that are highlighted in yellow, but it is unclear to us exactly what the suggestions were. Since as stated above by the reviewer that they were few, minor, and voluntary, we left the highlighted yellow text as is.

Please let us know if you require any further information.

Sincerely yours on behalf of all of the authors,

Richard A. Rison