Reviewer's report

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

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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.

Minor revisions, not compulsory:

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

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.”

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

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...”

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

I hope that this is helpful

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests