Case study

This template will help you prepare your article for publishing. Boxes 1-7 are to be completed, box 8 onwards are for you to check that you have included all the content you want. Remember we can insert a link from your article to supplementary material and appendices on the BVNA website. You can also include links to video demonstrations.

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| 1. Title of case study   You do not need to include “a case report” in the title – you may be cryptic if you wish | | |
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| 1. Confirm owner/practice consent (if applicable) | | |
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| 1. Abstract   Up to 300 words summarising the case presentation and outcome We need a good flavour of the case – emphasise the learning points. | | |
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| 1. Keywords    1. words that will help others search for your article | | |
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| 1. Confirm whether you have supplementary material to be linked to the BVNA website | | |
| Appendices  Video  Images  Useful resource links | No Yes Number of appendices  No Yes Number of videos  No Yes Number of extra images  No Yes Number of resource links | |
| 1. Learning points and take-home messages in 2 to 4 bullet points | | |
| Identify 2-4 important points that you want readers to learn or remember from your article  1.  2.  3.  4. | | |
| 1. Create 3-5 multiple choice questions (MCQ) or one-word answers that readers can complete to check their learning. When creating an MCQ ideally have 4 options for them to choose from and ensure you highlight the correct answer. | | |
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| 1. Author checklist | | |
| Introduction  This is different to the abstract but still outlining the main points of the article. Identify the topic and purpose (who, what, when, where, why, how). Give the reader some background on the main topic and tell them what to expect from the rest of the article. | | Included  Not included |
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| Background to the case - Why you think this case is important – why did you write it up?  Why is the case of interest to our readers?  Is this a prevalent health problem?  Is this a public health concern?  Is there a clear message? | | Included  Not included |
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| Case presentation - Presenting features, clinical and environmental history  What is the relevant history of the individual and/or group? Why is this relevant?  Explain the findings and how they influenced the diagnostic/treatment decisions  Was there a disease risk to people or other animals?  Do not use abbreviations for diseases or investigations | | Included  Not included |
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| Investigations (If relevant) | | Included  Not included |
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| Differential diagnosis (if relevant) | | Included  Not included |
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| Treatment (if relevant)  Include dose rates and actual doses; it is often useful to have these in a table. If the actual dose was different to recommendations, why was this chosen? | | Included  Not included |
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| Nursing care  Discuss the main aspects of nursing care given to the patient. There will be a chance for evaluation later. | | Included  Not included |
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| Outcome and follow up  Always include follow up data where you can; it gives readers a clear understanding of outcome The follow-up period should be defined Have there been any consequences to other animals? | | Included  Not included |
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| Discussion Include a very brief review of similar published cases if relevant  This is an opportunity to reflect on the outcome of the case | | Included  Not included |
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| Conclusion/summary  This is where important aspects of the article are highlighted. It summarises the main points and draws together ideas to explain how they connect and relate. | | Yes  No |
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| Images, figures and tables.  Submit these separately, ensuring that you include their title and number so they can be linked to your article. | | Yes No  Yes No |
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| References and refence list  Use Vancouver referencing format.  Only include citations from your text in the reference list. The reference list should be in alphabetical order of the author’s surname. | | Yes No |