

## BACKGROUND

This category evaluates the (a) quality of background information, (b) statement of the problem/purpose and applicability.

### SCORE 1-3 (BELOW AVERAGE)

- The background is not organized, and the purpose is not evident.
- Applicability is not stated

### SCORE 4-6 (AVERAGE)

- The background is organized with unclear purpose or clarity
- Applicability is unclear.

### SCORE 7-9 (ABOVE AVERAGE)

- Background is organized with clarity of purpose (consistency, logical, and harmonious)

### SCORE 10 (EXCEPTIONAL WITH NO FLAWS)

- Background is organized with clarity of purpose (consistency, logical, harmonious) and stimulates the reader to a level that is uncharacteristic of most reports.

## CASE INFORMATION

### SCORE 1-3 (BELOW AVERAGE)

- The case report includes none or only 1 of the following: Patient description, Case history, Physical exam, Results of medical tests, Treatment plan, Expected outcome of the treatment plan.

### SCORE 4-6 (AVERAGE)

- The case report includes only 3 of the following: Patient description, Case history, Physical exam, Results of medical tests, Treatment plan, Expected outcome of the treatment plan.

### SCORE 7-9 (ABOVE AVERAGE)

- The case report includes only 5 of the following: Patient description, Case history, Physical exam, Results of medical tests, Treatment plan, Expected outcome of the treatment plan.

### SCORE 10 (EXCEPTIONAL WITH NO FLAWS)

- The case report includes all the following: Patient description, Case history, Physical exam, Results of medical tests, Treatment plan, Expected outcome of the treatment plan.

## RESULTS

This section examines the (a) data quality and (b) presentation of the data.

### SCORE 1-3 (BELOW AVERAGE)

- The results do not include the measures described in the methods.
- The tables are hard to understand and have missing information.
- The figures are hard to understand and not legible.
- There is no discussion of patient follow up
- There is no discussion of the outcome and final result or adverse results.

### SCORE 4-6 (AVERAGE)

- The results include only a few of the measures described in the methods.
- The tables are somewhat hard to understand and have some missing information
- The figures are hard to understand but legible.
- There is some discussion of patient follow up but it is not relevant to the purpose of the case.
- There is little discussion of the outcome and final result or adverse results.

### SCORE 7-9 (ABOVE AVERAGE)

- The results include most of the measures described in the methods
- The tables are easier to understand but have some missing information
- The figures are easy to understand but not legible.
- There is some discussion of patient follow up and it is relevant to the purpose of the case.
- There is moderate discussion of the outcome and final result or adverse results.

### SCORE 10 (EXCEPTIONAL WITH NO FLAWS)

- The results include all of the measures described in the methods
- The tables are easy to understand with no missing information
- The figures are easy to understand and legible.
- Patient follow up is discussed and organized completely
- There is complete discussion of the outcome and final result or adverse results.

## CONCLUSIONS

This section evaluates the (a) conclusions and (b) future direction of the work.

### SCORE 1-3 (BELOW AVERAGE)

- The conclusions are missing and there is no explanation as to why the case is unique.
- The conclusions does not provide information that is pertinent to the case.
- Future directions are not provided.

### SCORE 4-6 (AVERAGE)

- The conclusions fail to provide evidence as to why the case is unique.
- The conclusions include some information that is pertinent to the case.
- The future directions are vague.

### SCORE 7-9 (ABOVE AVERAGE)

- Reasonable conclusions are given as to the uniqueness of the case.
- The conclusions include most of the information pertinent to the case.
- The future directions are incomplete.

### SCORE 10 (EXCEPTIONAL WITH NO FLAWS)

- A strong case as to why the condition is unique is provided.
- A clear and concise conclusion/summary of the case is provided
- Suggestions for future practice are provided and clear.

## POSTER PRESENTATION

This section evaluates the poster board.

### SCORE 1-3 (BELOW AVERAGE)

- Some of the expected components were present but were poorly laid out and confusing to follow in the absence of the presenter.
- The text was hard to read, messy and illegible, and contained multiple spelling or typographical errors.
- The figures and tables were missing or poorly done.
- Photographs/tables/graphs were missing or poorly done.

### SCORE 4-6 (AVERAGE)

- Some of the expected components were present, but the layout was untidy and confusing to follow in the absence of the presenter.
- The text was hard to read due to font size or color and inconsistently free of spelling or typographical errors. The background may have been distracting.
- The figures and tables were not related to the text, were not appropriate, or were poorly labeled.
- Photographs/tables/graphs were limited and did not improve understanding of the project.

### SCORE 7-9 (ABOVE AVERAGE)

- All expected components were present, but the layout was crowded or jumbled and somewhat confusing to follow in the absence of presenter.
- The text was relatively clear, legible, and mostly free of spelling or typographical errors. The background was not distracting.
- Most of the figures and tables were appropriate and labeled correctly
- Photographs/tables/graphs improved understanding.

### SCORE 10 (EXCEPTIONAL WITH NO FLAWS)

- All expected components were present, clearly laid out, and easy to follow in the absence of a presenter.
- The text was concise, legible, and consistently free of spelling or typographical errors. The background was not distracting.
- The figures and tables were appropriate and consistently labeled correctly.
- Photographs/tables/graphs improved understanding and enhanced the visual appeal.