

Abstract Marking Schedule for single case reports

Australasian Division of the IAP – Abstract Marking Schedule for Single case reports				
Criteria	1	2	3	Score
Novelty (new aspect of patient factors, diagnosis, classification, ancillary studies). Often stated in the Background/Introduction.	None -essentially the same as a textbook. Rarity alone is insufficiently novel.	Novel factor -rarely reported in the literature	Original-Finding and filling a gap in the literature	
Writing (clarity, grammar and punctuation, appropriate use of language)	Poor	Satisfactory	Good	
Discussion- includes differential diagnosis and or significance of case and or a learning point.	None -essentially the same as a textbook. Rarity alone is insufficient.	Novel factors discussed.	Novel factors discussed in context of known literature.	
Generalisable or transferrable usefulness/impact on future knowledge, skills, practice of pathology or patient outcomes.	Nil/Occasional	Sometimes	Frequent	
Total score				/12

Abstract Marking Schedule for all studies not single case reports. Includes case series of 2 or more case reports

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Criteria	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Background and aim-acknowledges existing research. Explains why this study fills gaps and or adds to existing knowledge. Statement of research question or problem.	Absent	Vague	Clear	Detailed	Comprehensive and appropriate	
Methods Describes method with justification.	Absent	Vague	Clear	Detailed	Detailed and replicable	
Results and Discussion Results are analysed with explanation. Discussion of how results address research question.	Absent	Vague	Clear	Detailed	Exciting and clear	
Significance. Global and local impact on current and future pathology practice and or to patient outcomes.	Insignificant	Low significance	Significant	Significant and relevant	Highly significant	
Writing. Clarity, grammar and punctuation, appropriate use of language.	Poor	Vague	Satisfactory	Good	Exemplary	
Total Score						/25