



Submission Checklist

Clinicopathological Cases

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Submission

- Word Count

Category	Word count limit (excluding abstract, legends, and references)	Abstract limit	Figures and tables limit (combined)
CPC	4000	N/A	3 Figures, 3 Tables

- Upload manuscript as a Microsoft Word document
 - Entire paper in one document (but without title page) including text with tables and figures embedded within the paper in the order in which they are cited and references
 - Blinded with all author information and study locations removed throughout
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- Evidence of IRB approval, institutional policy or signed attestation by the corresponding author in the cover letter that institution does not require IRB approval for case reports and images.



Formatting

- Include title at the top of the first page (limited to 100 characters including spaces). Spell out all abbreviations no matter how obvious, for example, “emergency department”
- Abstract, main manuscript, and legends are all standalone documents and all abbreviations must be redefined in each section separately no matter how common they may be. Don’t use an abbreviation at all if it is not used again in the same standalone document. Please use abbreviations sparingly. Don’t start a sentence with an abbreviation and don’t use two abbreviations next to each other.
- Isolated single digit numbers should be in word format
- Use only generic drug names
- When giving both genus and species of an organisms please place in italics
- Include a structured abstract to include: Introduction, Case Presentation and Discussion without giving the final diagnosis.
- Continuous line numbering is included in left-hand margin [WORD directions: Page Layout →Line Numbers →Continuous]
- Text in 12 point Times New Roman font
- Entire manuscript is double-spaced including references
- All footnote numbering must be in superscript format (Ctrl shift +) with the number following punctuation per this example: ...to develop a standard of care.²³
- 3-5 Key teaching points required

Headlines

- List major headlines in **BOLD, UPPERCASE** lettering without colon
 - Subheadings are in bold and in title case lettering (first letter of each word is capitalized)
- Section headings: **CASE PRESENTATION (RESIDENT NAME), CASE DISCUSSION (ATTENDING NAME), CASE OUTCOME (RESIDENT NAME), RESIDENT DISCUSSION, FINAL DIAGNOSIS, KEY TEACHING POINTS, REFERENCES**

Figures/Tables

- For the ease of peer-review, all images/figures/tables/videos are to be referenced within text of manuscript in the order that they appear, and all figures/tables/videos are



presented at the point of which they are referenced in the text (as opposed at the end of the manuscript)

- Must include original file used to create graphs/figures (e.g. excel, word, etc.)
- Remove any titles or bold fonts in graphs/figures
- Our journals convention is to use “Image” for photos, radiographs, electrocardiograms, etc, and “Figure” for drawings, graphs, etc.
- Fully descriptive legends for each figure and table such that they could stand alone if removed from the context of the larger paper.
 - Table legends are above the Table and Figure legends are below the Figure
- Abbreviations in figures/tables must be spelled out or notated in legend or footnote, even if already done so in text
- All line art figures have a minimum resolution of 600 dots per inch (DPI) and images 300 DPI
 - To check DPI: Right click image file, Click “Properties”, found under Details
 - To change DPI: Open image using Photoshop, Click “Image”→Image Size→Resolution→ 600 pixels/inch
- Every figure/video includes contrasting black or white arrows clearly pointing to important (even obvious) findings
- Tables are made in a Microsoft Word document using "Insert Table" function
 - Each column must have a heading
 - Minimum size of 2 X 2
 - Every row/column, including subcategories (i.e. female and male subcategories below gender category) should be split into own cells. This includes corresponding data for each sub-category.
 - Subcategories should be indented by 0.125 inches
 - Sub-subcategories should be indented by 0.25 inches

Example Table: Type fully descriptive legend here. (List all abbreviations here).

Heading 1	Heading 2
Gender	0.00
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- Up to 1 minute for radiologic findings such as ultrasound, CT, or MRI
- Up to 5 minutes for other videos (e.g., demonstrations of a procedure)
- Videos must be narrated or annotated

References

- All submissions must contain references
- References created by the EndNote application will not be accepted
- They must be listed in the order in which they first appear in text (not alphabetically)
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 - Delete spaces between publication year, volume, issue, and page numbers
- In-text reference numbers should be placed after the period as a superscript, like this.¹
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