JRCR - updated author guidelines for 2013

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ABSTRACT

This article describes updates on author guidelines for manuscripts submitted on or after January 1, 2013 to the interactive Journal of Radiology Case Reports.

EDITORIAL

To further improve the quality and educational value of the articles published in the Journal of Radiology Case Reports (1), new requirements have been added for manuscript submission (2):

General:
- Abbreviations need to be spelled out the first time mentioned.
- Abbreviations are only permitted in Teaching Point, tables and Q/As, if spelled out the first time in the respective section (each question in Q/As is treated separately).
- We do not provide any writing assistance (English and grammar) anymore.
- Punctuation and grammar receive more weight in the review process. Please do a thorough proof read by an English proficient person.

Case Report:
- The case report section needs a dedicated section for imaging findings, management and follow-up (preceded by a respective subheader).
- If imaging findings are mentioned (such as lesions, masses or other measurable findings), please provide three-dimensional measurements whenever mentioned (in case report and figure legends).

Discussion:
- The discussion needs to contain at least the following subsections preceded by the respective subheader:
  - Etiology & demographics
  - Clinical & imaging findings
  - Treatment & prognosis
  - Differential Diagnoses
- If the discussion mentions "rare" or some other indicator about a frequency, then please provide the numbers (e.g. incidence/prevalence, percentage etc.)

Figures & Figure legends:
- Please omit all text data on figures - only annotations such as arrows and symbols are allowed.
- All figures need annotations.
- All significant findings need to be labeled on figures.
- Figure legends need to be split into three sections: “Age, gender, diagnosis”, Findings and Technique. An example: 39 year old female with XYZ. FINDINGS: XYZ. TECHNIQUE: XYZ
- Please provide three-dimensional measurements for measurable imaging findings.

Tables:
- All tables need a table legend explaining what the respective table is about.
**References:**
- A minimum of 5 references (separated by semicolon) is needed.
- References need to be up-to-date.
- Reference numbers need to be placed at the end of the respective sentence within square brackets ([]).

**Keywords:**
- A minimum of 5 keywords related to the case report is necessary
- Suggested keywords are the diagnosis itself, synonyms, eponyms, affected body region, modality used, Mesh terms

These new requirements take effect on *January 1, 2013* and include new submissions as well as revisions of manuscripts that have been submitted prior to this date.

The manuscript template (3) has been updated accordingly and is mandatory to use. More information about the author guidelines can be obtained on the journal website (4).

**References**
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