



# More attention should be paid to the standardization of case reports reporting

## The Problem

Case report is becoming increasingly common and comprise a significant proportion of the articles in many medical and nursing journals. However, the application and the popularization of the Case Report (CARE) guidelines in nursing field, which is the reporting guidelines for case report, is still undefined.

## Methods

1. The nursing SCI-index journals were identified from the professional website (<http://journal.medsci.cn/journal/index>), which reported publishing case reports.
2. We retrieved their Submission checklist/Author checklist and Reporting guidelines of the selected journals from the Author Guidelines.

## Key Results

- 14 journals were selected, except for two journals no longer accept case reports.
- Only one journal explicitly mentioned CARE guidelines, but didn't require checklist when submitting.
- Six journals mentioned EQUATOR network for searching for the suitable guideline.
- Three journals clearly required reporting guidelines checklists, and the rest of them didn't require that in the Submission checklist/Author checklist.

**Table 1** The basic information of the 14 included Journals

Journal	Country	Frequency	IF	CARE requirement	Checklist requirement
Journal of Human Lactation	USA	Quarterly	1.836	Yes	No
Cancer Nursing	Netherlands	Bimonthly	1.844	No	No
Archives of Psychiatric Nursing	Netherlands	Bimonthly	1.133	No	No
Oncology Nursing Forum	USA	Bimonthly	1.785	No	No
Journal of Cardiovascular Nursing	Netherlands	Bimonthly	2.651	No	No
American journal of critical care	USA	Bimonthly	2.055	EQUATOR	No
Journal of Nursing Scholarship	USA	Quarterly	2.662	No	No
Applied Nursing Research	Netherlands	Quarterly	1.136	No	No
International Journal of Nursing Studies	Netherlands	Monthly	3.656	EQUATOR	Yes
Journal of Professional Nursing	Netherlands	Bimonthly	1.256	No	No
Midwifery	Netherlands	Quarterly	1.787	EQUATOR	Yes
Nursing & Health Sciences	USA	Quarterly	1.237	EQUATOR	No
Revista Latino-Americana de Enfermagem	Brazil	Bimonthly	0.712	EQUATOR	Yes
Journal of Transcultural Nursing	USA	Quarterly	1.242	EQUATOR	No

## Application of Case Report (CARE) guidelines in nursing SCI-index journals

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