

Clinical Case Reports

□ Journal Overview

- **Publisher:** Wiley
- **ISSN:** 2050-0904 (Online)
- **Scope:** Broad-spectrum open-access journal focused on the publication of clinical case reports across all areas of medicine.
- **Impact Factor:** Not indexed in Journal Citation Reports (JCR); relies on alternative metrics such as **CiteScore** (Scopus: ~0.8 as of 2024).

□ Strengths

- **Wide Accessibility:**
 - Open access model facilitates global dissemination.
 - Useful for clinicians in low-resource settings.
- **Inclusive Scope:**
 - Accepts submissions from all specialties.
 - Encourages interdisciplinary and early-career submissions.
- **Rapid Publication:**
 - Turnaround time ~4-6 weeks.
 - Emphasis on dissemination over prestige.
- **Educational Utility:**
 - Real-world cases useful for clinical training and teaching.

⚠ Limitations and Criticisms

- **Low Scientific Rigor:**
 - Mostly anecdotal reports with limited generalizability.
 - Sparse discussion of differential diagnoses or mechanisms.
- **Editorial Selectivity:**
 - Low threshold for acceptance.
 - Potential for case inflation and publication volume over quality.
 - APC (\$1,800 USD) may bias acceptance policy.
- **Not Indexed in Major Rankings:**
 - Not listed in Web of Science (SCIE).
 - Limited value for academic CVs or research grants.
- **Reproducibility and Ethical Oversight:**
 - Often lacks imaging, diagnostic work-up, or explicit consent.
 - Ethical review rarely mentioned.

□ Comparison with Peer Journals

Journal	Strength	Weakness
BMJ Case Reports	Strong editorial guidance, peer-review	Subscription-based, limited access
Clinical Case Reports	Open access, rapid publishing	Low academic impact, weak filtering
Cureus	Fast, PubMed-indexed	Perceived low editorial standards
Case Reports in Neurology	Specialty focus, PubMed-indexed	Narrower audience

□ Final Verdict

Clinical Case Reports serves a niche role in:

- Showcasing rare or illustrative clinical cases
- Offering publication opportunity for early-career authors
- Providing educational material for teaching rounds

However, its:

- **Low impact**
- **Lack of indexing**
- **Minimal critical review**

...limit its use in high-level evidence synthesis or academic advancement.

Recommendation:

- □ Suitable for:
 - Unique or instructive cases
 - Didactic sharing within departments
 - First-time clinical authors
- □ Not suitable for:
 - Impactful academic CV building
 - Meta-analyses or guideline citation
 - Competitive research funding portfolios

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