

Journal of Medical Case Reports

Credibility & Indexing

- **Publisher:** BioMed Central (part of Springer Nature).
- **Established:** 2007.
- **Indexing:** Included in Scopus, PubMed, and CINAHL.
- **Impact Factor (2024):**
 - 2-year IF: '0.8'
 - 5-year IF: '0.9'
 - SNIP: '0.677'
 - SJR: '0.310'
- The journal is considered legitimate and well-indexed but with modest academic influence.

Editorial Process & Turnaround

- **Median time to first decision:** '32 days'
- **Median time to acceptance:** '145 days'
- **Peer Review:** Structured and guided, especially supportive for early-career reviewers.

Scope & Article Types

- Focuses on:
 - Rare or unusual presentations
 - Novel diagnostic or therapeutic approaches
 - Adverse drug reactions
 - “N-of-1” studies and prevalence data from case series
- Includes clinical meta-analyses based on individual case reports.

Strengths vs Weaknesses

Strengths	Considerations
□ Open-access: High daily visibility (~11,400 accesses) and over 4.5 million downloads/year	△ Low impact factor, typical for case-report journals
□ Indexed in reputable databases (Scopus, PubMed)	△ Not suitable for researchers prioritizing high citation metrics
□ Transparent review process and editorial integrity	△ Less academic prestige compared to high-impact clinical journals

Comparison with Alternatives

- **Compared to Cureus:**
 - Cureus has faster publication, but variable indexing and review stringency.
- **Compared to major clinical journals** (e.g., *Mayo Clinic Proceedings*):
 - Those journals rarely accept isolated case reports unless embedded in broader research.

□ Recommendations

- Suitable for:
 - Clinicians aiming to publish instructive or rare clinical observations.
 - Early-career authors seeking entry into peer-reviewed publication.
- Less suited for:
 - Researchers focused on improving their h-index or aiming for high-impact journals.

⚠ Watchpoints

- The journal is 'not predatory': clear fees, legitimate peer-review, and ethical standards.
- Always verify indexing status in Scopus/PubMed before submitting.
- Avoid confusing with similarly named, non-indexed case-report outlets.

□ Conclusion

- The *Journal of Medical Case Reports* is a reliable and well-indexed platform for publishing clinical case material.
- It balances accessibility and visibility with rigorous but attainable editorial standards.
- Not intended for high-impact scientific contribution, but highly useful for clinical documentation, education, and academic engagement.

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