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Case Report in Oral Health: It Should be Promoted

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Introduction

Case report is an important kind of publication in biomedical journal [1]. This kind of article usually provides lessons learnt from case study and give the data on new preliminary finding or outbreak [2]. The case report is considered merit source of knowledge and can be the early information on the new situation. At present, there are some specific journals for case report. The well-known ones are case study and case report, journal of medical case report, etc. However, most journals focus on the fields of medicine. Oral health is an issue that is an interim between medicine and dental science. Hence, the publication of case report in oral health aspect is sometimes limited. The specific journal that focuses on oral health can be the useful source for knowledge exchange among the experts in the field. For any starter to report a case in oral health, the first step is the good scientific observation and data collection. Writing a case report is a skill and art. Also, the practitioner

must concern for the rule of oral health ethics which include "the importance of equity, human rights, and social justice in providing oral health care" in the report [3]. The author should also follow the ethics in publication when prepare and submit any case reports [4]. The good case report can support the scientific environment of the oral health society and it should be the time to promote submission and publication of case report in oral health aspect.

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