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Background

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There must be agreement on authorship based on substantial contribution to the case report and discussion. All persons who in the opinion of the authors contributed significantly to the final published article must be acknowledged at the end of the article, and their contributions preferably stated.

All articles must have the full names, qualifications and designation of each author, as well as the complete contact details of the corresponding author. If any conflict of interests exist, this must be declared.

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All articles must be typed in 12 pt Times Roman with normal spacing. Submitted images will be enhanced and re-sized and all identifying details removed for publishing. All images must be labeled. Submitted ta-

bles will be re-designed and colour added if necessary. Abbreviations must be written in brackets next to the fully stated unabbreviated word, when first used in the text, and thereafter can be used consistently without the unabbreviated word.

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