

Word Count

The word count DOES NOT include your reference list, words used for labelling images (which are best written in italics), or information in the appendix. Nor does it include laboratory data in tables (e.g. blood results). It DOES include citations within the text and words within tables.

Tables can be a useful addition to a case report. Tables used for data such as blood results will NOT be included in the word count, however any comments on those values WILL be included in your word count. You can also use tables for lists of the problems and differential diagnoses but the words used WILL be included in your word count.

Image labelling is very important and will not be included in your word count. Labels should include what the image is, including the view if a radiograph, and a summary of the important findings from that image. Those findings should also be discussed within the body of your report where they will count towards the word count, but where repeated for the purposes of image labelling, the labelling will not count.

Tables and image labelling should not be misused in order to save on the word count and should not include detailed reasoning processes, these should be written in the body of the report in text form.