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 - **Background & Objectives:** What was the problem, and what did the study aim to achieve?
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 - **Results:** Key findings with hard data and p-values (avoid vague statements like "results were significant" and avoid stating that results will be discussed).
 - **Conclusion:** A brief, direct takeaway that answers the primary objective.
 - **For Case Reports & Case Series**
 - **Background:** A brief explanation of why this specific case is clinically significant or novel.
 - **Case(s) Summary:** Patient history and examination, differential diagnosis, investigations, treatment, follow-up, and outcome
 - **Conclusion:** The primary clinical takeaway or teaching point. What should the medical community learn from this case report or case series?