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Any manuscripts submitted without all necessary declarations will be returned to the corresponding author for completion.

1. Case Report or Case Series

Required Declarations

1. Conflicting interests
2. Funding
3. Ethical approval
4. Informed consent*
5. Guarantor
6. Contributorship
7. Acknowledgements

**Please note: Written informed consent is required to publish case reports or case series in *Shoulder & Elbow*. Please also refer to the [ICMJE Recommendations for the Protection of Research Participants](#)*

Example of a completed declarations section:

Conflicting interests: MS is an employee of XXX. BF has received grants from XXX.

Funding: This work was supported by the Medical Research Council [grant number XXX].

Informed consent: Please select one of the below statements for your article.

Ethical approval: Please select one of the below statements for your article.

Contributorship*: BF wrote the first draft of the manuscript. All authors reviewed and edited the manuscript and approved the final version of the manuscript

Acknowledgements: We would like to thank XXX XXXX for their assistance and guidance in this research.

Example of text that should be used if any declaration is not relevant to your article:

Conflicting interests: The Author(s) declare(s) that there is no conflict of interest

Funding: This research received no specific grant from any funding agency in the public, commercial, or not-for-profit sectors.

Informed consent: Written patient informed consent is required to publish case reports or case series in *Shoulder & Elbow*. Please see the below examples of informed consent declarations.

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Ethical approval: Please see the below examples of Ethical approval declarations. Where ethical approval is waived or not required for your article please include full details of the rationale/justification for this.

Contributorship: Not Applicable [please note that the only time this declaration is not applicable is if only a single author is named on the article.]

Acknowledgements: None

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EITHER

Written informed consent was obtained from the patient(s) for their anonymised information to be published in this article

OR

Written informed consent was obtained from a legally authorized representative(s) for anonymised patient information to be published in this article.

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Ethical approval - please select one of the following options for your article:

EITHER

Ethical approval to report this case/these cases was obtained from *NAME OF ETHICS COMMITTEE OR INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD (APPROVAL NUMBER/ID)*.

OR

INSTITUTION NAME does not require ethical approval for reporting individual cases or case series.

2. Human Research and In Vitro Studies

Required Declarations

1. Conflicting interests
2. Funding
3. Ethical approval
4. Informed consent
5. Trial Registration (*where applicable*)
6. Guarantor
7. Contributorship
8. Acknowledgements

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Guarantor: BF

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Ethical approval for this study was waived by *NAME OF ETHICS COMMITTEE OR INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD* because *REASON FOR WAIVER*. This study was completed in accordance with the [Helsinki Declaration as revised in 2013](#) [include details of relevant legislation where applicable].

Or

Ethical approval was not sought for the present study because *REASON*. This study was completed in accordance with the [Helsinki Declaration as revised in 2013](#).

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Written informed consent was obtained from all subjects before the study.

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Verbal informed consent was obtained from all subjects before the study. Written informed consent was not obtained because *REASON*.

Or

Written informed consent was obtained from legally authorised representatives before the study.

Or

Verbal informed consent was obtained from legally authorised representatives before the study. Written informed consent was not obtained because *REASON*.

Or

Informed consent was not sought for the present study because *REASON*.

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NAME OF TRIAL REGISTRY: TRIAL REGISTRATION NUMBER

Or

This clinical trial was not registered because *REASON – INCLUDING ALL RELEVANT LEGISLATION*.

Or

Not applicable because *REASON*.

3. Reviews

We understand that it may appear obvious why ethical approval and informed consent are not applicable for certain review types, however in the interest of full transparency we do ask authors to provide full rationale where ethical approval and/or informed consent are not applicable.

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