



## ECCO CONFER Cases Round 10: Call for proposal of rare cases

Dear ECCO Members,

ECCO COLlaborative Network For Exceptionally Rare Case Reports (CONFER) is an initiative to identify, assemble and report together rare IBD cases of clinical relevance, which are otherwise seldom reported. By joining forces of the many members and supporters of ECCO, a joint report of all similar such rare cases can result in a large case series that will advance our knowledge about these uncommon patients.

ECCO CONFER is now launching its **tenth round**.

We have defined **5 main themes of interest** for proposed cases:

- Unusual clinical situations facing diagnostic or therapeutic gaps of knowledge
- Rare infections
- Uncommon drug beneficial effects or side-effects
- Rare IBD manifestations
- Infrequent disease associations (neoplastic, infectious, etc.)

**If you wish to propose a case, and serve as a principal investigator of its development into an ECCO CONFER project, please send us your suggested case according to the following format:**

- 1) Case title
- 2) Short case description (max. 150-200 words)
- 3) Main clinical question to be answered by this case series (How is the case series expected to change our practice?)
- 4) Existing literature on the topic (number of published cases with references)
- 5) Submitted by (Name, Medical Center, City, Country, Contact email) \*

### **\*Data processing consent and retention:**

By sending an application by email to [ecco@ecco-ibd.eu](mailto:ecco@ecco-ibd.eu), you agree to the data processing for the above-described project. ECCO Office stores applicants' personal data of this application for the project timeframe. You have the right to object at any time at [ecco@ecco-ibd.eu](mailto:ecco@ecco-ibd.eu). ECCO Office will delete data securely after the end of this project. In addition, the scientific review process generates a review result for the applicants which will be stored with your data in line with the requirements of scientific review archiving. You have the right to object at any time at [ecco@ecco-ibd.eu](mailto:ecco@ecco-ibd.eu).

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### **Deadline:**

Please respond to this call **by December 1, 2023** and send your case to [ecco@ecco-ibd.eu](mailto:ecco@ecco-ibd.eu).

### **Selection process & further steps:**

To keep the ECCO CONFER Cases effective, a selection of a limited number of cases will be made by the Steering Committee to be developed into full projects. Notification of selection will be sent end of 2023. Subsequently, a call will be made to all ECCO Members and affiliates who encountered a similar case to contribute it to the case series.

### **Publication and Authorship**

#### *Rule 1*

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First author: the principal investigator is granted the authorship if they provide a case.

There can be only one principal investigator or first author per case.

#### *Rule 2*

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The last author should be the Case Manager of CONFER Taskforce.

#### *Rule 3 – Co-Authorships*

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For every 10+ cases you include from the same centre, one additional author is included.

From 10 to 19 provided cases, one additional author is included.

From 20 to 29 provided cases, one additional author is included.

If submitting to another journal with a different authorship policy, the authorship will be given according to:

- a) the rules of the journal regarding the maximum number of co-authors;
- b) number of cases provided.

Those investigators who provided the cases, but are not listed among the authors of the manuscript (due to the Journal's regulations), will be listed in a study group and hence affiliated with the manuscript on PubMed.

#### *Rule 4*

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When a P.I. of a Study is a CONFER task member and the Case Manager, then an additional co-author from the P.I.'s centre is granted, since the P.I. must fulfil two tasks at the same time.

#### *Rule 5*

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If ECCO collaborates with other societies, the second last authorship can be given to a representative of the other society. The last authorship can potentially be shared.

#### *Rule 6*

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The maximum number of authors from one centre is 3.



On behalf of the ECCO CONFER Steering Committee:  
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Mette Julsgaard (Denmark)  
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Thank you and kind regards,  
**The ECCO Office**

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