

Case Report Instructions IFCC YS-TF Clinical Case Discussions

Word count: 300-400

Please send your abstract before 30th September 2023 to: ifcc.ystf@gmail.com

Tentative date of first online case discussions: first half of November 2023

1. **Title:** The title should mention key elements of the case and might include presenting symptoms/ diagnosis/ intervention/ outcome.
2. **Introduction/Background:** Summary of the background and context of the case report.
3. **Case presentation:**
 - a. Presenting concerns and important clinical findings of the patient
 - b. Diagnostic focus and assessment:
 - i. Diagnostic results
 - ii. Diagnostic challenges
 - iii. Special investigations used/ special role played by the laboratory in the management of the patient
 - iv. Relevant prognostic characteristics
 - c. Interventions, follow-up & outcomes
4. **Discussion:** Discuss what differential diagnoses were considered and how the final diagnosis was derived. The strengths and limitations associated with the case report, how conclusions were arrived at and the applicability of results to other patients should be summarised under this section. The perspective of the patient and the clinical team on the role played by the laboratory in patient management, especially in unraveling the diagnosis.
5. **Message:** “Take-home message/s” and learning points
6. **Keywords:** 2-5 Keywords