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(<http://eurorad.org>)**

Dear friends,

In this second newsletter we would like to draw your attention to the issues of coding and images format.

Codes have always been perceived as a boring issue, and we, radiologists, try to avoid using them as much as we can. However, they may be of great help to retrieve cases from a database and for indexing its content. This is why we are asking both our authors and reviewers to take time for selecting the appropriate ACR codes and MeSH terms.

The former give us the opportunity to uniquely identify the diagnosis (which has to be checked by histology or follow-up). If the precise code is not available (this may sometimes be the case) we suggest selecting a more generic code that includes the correct diagnosis.

MeSH (Medical Subject Headings) is the National Library of Medicine's controlled vocabulary. It is used to index citations primarily to reflect subject content. Also in this case, if a sufficiently detailed term cannot be obtained by using the MeSH term builder that is built-in in the on-line submission tool, authors are recommended to select more generic terms that include the relevant anatomical or pathological term.

Another important issue is the images format. We would like to emphasize the specifications required for a submission in the database, since each time the images don't fit them, they can't be sent to the review process. All images submitted in the Eurorad database must be as follows:

- Resolution: 72 dpi
- Maximum width: 600 pixels
- Maximum height: 400 pixels
- Compression: JPEG, quality 7 (Photoshop) or 70 (Photo Editor)

If you need any help to prepare your images with your software, please contact the Eurorad Publication Coordinator at vheibst@eurorad.org. Moreover, we strongly recommend that all the useless borders, white or black, around your images be removed before reducing the size. This will enable you to get a better final result.

We believe that these are ways to ensure the quality of the Eurorad database. We look forward to receiving your feedback on this topic or on other features of the database that in your opinion might need changes.

Sincerely,

The EURORAD Team

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