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BIO:

Dr Christine Lochner is an Associate Professor at the Department of Psychiatry at Stellenbosch University in South Africa, and Co-Director of the SA MRC Unit on Risk and Resilience in Mental Disorders. This unit is known as a centre of international excellence in psychiatric genetics, psychiatric brain imaging, basic neuroscience, and mental health promotion.

Dr Lochner is a clinical psychologist by training, with research interests that mainly include the phenomenology, psychobiology and neuroimaging of disorders on the compulsivity/impulsivity spectrum, including obsessive-compulsive disorder, hair-pulling disorder (trichotillomania), and problematic Internet use (PIU), as well as anxiety disorders. These conditions are associated with significant distress, functional impairment and costs – to the individual and his/her family, as well as society. She actively takes part in several international research endeavours, including ENIGMA-OCD, ENIGMA-Anxiety, OCD-BRAIN, ICOCS / OCRN, the TLC Precision Medicine Initiative, COST-EU (PIU) and others. These international collaborative projects present a unique opportunity for global impact by providing knowledge on the significant links between clinical aspects, neurobiological underpinnings and brain structures implicated in these and related conditions.