

Curriculum Vitae Bram WLB Verstockt



PERSONAL DETAILS

First Name	Bram
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EDUCATION

University education

2006 – 2009	Bachelor of Medicine, summa cum laude with jury congratulations, KU Leuven, Belgium
2009 – 2013	Master of Medicine, summa cum laude with jury congratulations, KU Leuven, Belgium
2013 – 2021	Master after Master, KU Leuven, Belgium

PhD

2015 – 2019	PhD in Biomedical Sciences, KU Leuven in collaboration with Cambridge University, UK
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Postdoc

2019 – 2021	Postdoctoral researcher at the IBD unit, KU Leuven, Belgium
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Principle/Sub-investigator in several multicenter trials on investigational agents and treatment strategies for IBD.

CAREER

2008 – 2009	Student-investigator at KU Leuven (Prof. C. De Boeck en Dr. F. Vermeulen).
2012	Elective training Obstetrics at the University Hospital Mater Dei, Malta.
2012 – 2021	Residency Internal Medicine/Gastroenterology at UZ Leuven, OLV Hospitals Aalst/Asse and Imelda GI Clinical Research Center, Bonheiden, Belgium.
2015 – 2019	Doctoral Fellow Funds for Scientific Research (FWO), Flanders, Belgium
2015 – 2016	Research Fellow at Cambridge University, UK.
2019 – 2021	Postdoctoral researcher on a voluntary basis at the IBD unit KU Leuven, in conjunction with Residency Gastroenterology at the University Hospitals Leuven, Belgium.
2021 – 2024	Postdoctoral Fellow Funds for Scientific Research (FWO), Flanders, Belgium: although obtained, not taken up due to full-time staff position at University Hospitals Leuven.
August 2021	Board certified gastroenterologist (license number 1-48673-28-650).
2021 – current	Full-time staff member, Dpt. Gastroenterology and Hepatology, UZ Leuven, Belgium.
2021 – current	Postdoctoral Fellow Funds Klinische Onderzoeksraad (KOOR), UZ Leuven, Belgium.
2021	Visiting physician and researcher at Lüneburg University, Germany.
2022 – current	Assistant professor, Dpt. Chronic Diseases and Metabolism, KU Leuven, Belgium.

CURRENT POSITION

- Consultant Gastroenterologist, IBD subspecialty, University Hospitals Leuven, Belgium.
- Assistant professor, Dpt. Chronic Diseases and Metabolism, KU Leuven, Belgium.

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

- Prijs Prof. Dr. Jan De Grootte 2013, Faculty of Medicine KU Leuven, Belgium.
- Oral Free Paper Prize Awardee at UEG Week 2016, Vienna, Austria.
- Best IBD oral presentation, 31st Belgian Week of Gastroenterology 2019, Antwerp, Belgium.
- Y-ECCO Best Abstract Award, 14th ECCO Congress 2019, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- Poster of distinction, Dr. Falk IBD Symposium Oxford 2019, Oxford, United Kingdom.

- Two Certificates of Recognition for Early Career GI, American Gastroenterology Association, Digestive Disease Week 2019, San Diego, United States.
- Top reviewer in clinical medicine 2019, Publons.
- Poster of distinction, Digestive Disease Week 2020, virtual conference.
- Semi-Finalist Flemish PhD Cup, 2020.
- Price Medical Foundation Horlait-Dapsens, 2020, Belgium.
- Y-ECCO Best Abstract Award, 16th ECCO Congress 2021, virtual conference.
- Poster of distinction, Digestive Disease Week 2021, virtual conference.
- KU Leuven Research Council Award Biomedical Sciences, 2022.
- ECCO Young Research Award 2025
- UEG Rising Star 2025

BIBLIOGRAPHY

> 220 publications in peer-reviewed journals published or in press (current h-index 41, last accessed March 1st 2026).

Overview of all publications: <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/?term=verstockt+b>

REVIEWER AND EDITORIAL BOARD POSITIONS

Reviewer for international scientific journals: The Lancet, Nature Reviews Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Gut, Gastroenterology, Lancet Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Annals of Internal medicine, Clinical and Translational Medicine, American Journal of Gastroenterology, Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Journal of Crohn's and Colitis, Alimentary Pharmacology & Therapeutics, Clinical and Translational Gastroenterology, Inflammatory Bowel Disease, ...

Overview of all reviewing activities: <https://www.webofscience.com/wos/author/record/P-5234-2016>

Reviewer for grant institutions: European Research Council (ERC), British Society of Paediatric Gastroenterology Hepatology and Nutrition (BSPGHAN), Medical Research Council (MRC) United Kingdom, Agence Nationale de la recherche (ANR) de France, Crohn's & Colitis UK Research Awards.

Reviewer for conference organisations: European Crohn's and Colitis Organization (ECCO), Digestive Disease Week (DDW), United European Gastroenterology Week (UEGW)

Associate Editor Therapy in Gastroenterology (2022 – current), Journal of Crohn's and Colitis (2024 – current), Annals of Gastroenterology (2023 – current)

SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZATION POSITIONS

- **Board member** ECCO GuiCom (2025-current), Vice president EMCG (2024 – current), Belgian IBD Biobank (2020 – current, chair), ColCom IBUS (2026 – current), SciCom IBUS (2022 – 2026, chair 2024-2026), SciCom BIRD (2023 – current), Y-ECCO c (2019 – 2025, chair 2024-25), Young Flemish Gastroenterology Association (2018 – current)
- **Councillor** Immunology, Microbiology & IBD section of the AGA Institute Council for Digestive Disease Week (2022-current)

(CO)PROMOTOR OF MASTER / PhD THESES

- **Promotor** Inge Jacobs (PhD, 2024), Lorenzo Giorio (ongoing, PhD student), Anna Theresa D'Hooge (ongoing, PhD student), Elisabeth Eggermont (ongoing, PhD student), Sybren Ryckhoudt (ongoing, PhD student), Louis Derluyn (ongoing, PhD student), Caitlin Van der Perre (ongoing, PhD student), Saeed Abdu Rahiman (postdoc), Kaline Arnauts (postdoc), Sare Verstockt (postdoc)
- **Co-promotor** Saeed Abdu Rahiman (PhD 2023), Francesca Biscu (PhD 2025), Dahham Alsoud (ongoing, PhD student), Ward Zadora (ongoing, PhD student), Gaia Zanella (ongoing, PhD student), Yannick Hoffert (ongoing, PhD student), Tuur Abts (ongoing, PhD student), Celine Soetaert (ongoing, PhD student), Wout De Coster (ongoing, PhD student)