

## **Outline of Course Report**

**Name/Title: Manuscript Writing Workshop**

**Place & Course took place: MUJHU II Training Room**

**Days and time: 31<sup>st</sup> Aug to 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2011**

**Course Organizer: Uganda Society of Health Scientists**

**Course Coordinator: Dr. Fred Semitala & Dr. Ivan Kimuli**

**Course Lead Facilitator: Prof. James Tumwine**

### **Objectives of the Course:**

- How develop a publishable manuscript
- Transform manuscript into publication
- Importance of scientific writing
- Learn how to search information
- To learn how to write abstracts & make posters
- Change mindset about writing and publishing papers

### **Course topics:**

1. Over view lectures
2. Introduction, Background & Methods
3. Research questions/ Objectives/Title
4. E-Resource
5. Analysis Plan
6. Endnote
7. Results
8. Practical - Results
9. Discussion
10. Authorship/ Ethical challenges
11. Abstracts and poster presentation

## Workshop Evaluation

### Key performance indicators

- 100% said that the method of facilitation was adequate.

Session	Below Average	Average	Good	Very Good	Excellent
Over view lectures		1(6.3%)	4(25%)	9(56.3%)	2(12.5%)
Introduction, Background & Methods		1(7.1%)	2(14.3%)	10(71.4%)	1(7.1%)
Research questions/ Objectives/Title		1(7.1%)	1(7.1%)	9(64.3%)	3(21.4%)
E-Resource		1(7%)	3(21%)	6(43%)	4(29%)
Analysis Plan			6(38%)	5(31%)	5(31%)
Endnote			3(18.8%)	10(62.5%)	3(18.8%)
Results			1(7%)	11(50%)	6(43%)
Practical - Results			2(13%)	6(40%)	7(47%)
Discussion				13(72.2%)	5(27.8%)
Authorship/ Ethical challenges			1(7%)	11(79%)	7(14%)
Abstracts and poster presentation			2(12.5%)	7(43.8%)	7(43.8%)
Facilitation				10(62.5%)	6(37.5%)
Venue	1(6%)	9(53%)	6(35%)	1(6%)	
General workshop organization		1(6%)	5(31%)	8(50%)	2(13%)

### Suggestions for further improvement: Course and Logistics

#### 1. What participants liked most about the course

- ❖ How to use other e-resources to make a literature search
- ❖ How to cite & reference
- ❖ Learnt how to make posters
- ❖ Learnt how to conclude and what to include
- ❖ Learnt how to prepare a power point presentation
- ❖ Learnt how to discuss findings
- ❖ Learnt how to reference in a discussion.
- ❖ Understood the challenges of writing a paper
- ❖ Learnt how to summarize a paper into an abstract.
- ❖ Helped me understand what to do as authors & the challenges one might face
- ❖ Giving group work was very good.

❖ **Analysis Plan**

- Learnt how to analyze the data collected
- Learnt how to organise my work using a plan
- Learnt how to prepare for analysis of results.
- Able to choose results to include in my manuscript

❖ **Endnote**

- It was hands on and theoretical at once
- Session was rushed through
- I was able to get the software.
- How to import data into a library.
- Learnt how to organise my citations & references
- Needed to know how to include already downloaded information in the library.
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❖ **Results**

- Learnt how results are written
- Paper reviews were done so well.
- Learnt how to write the results from my work.

❖ Method of facilitation was adequate with time for questions and do practice

❖ Mode of facilitation was perfect, keep it up

❖ Thank you for this opportunity to learn.

❖ Thank you for organizing and giving us special practical skills.

**2. What could be improved?**

- Facilitators should allow free expression of the participants.
- Handouts should be given out at the end of each sessions to enable participants go through them at the end of the day.
- Limited time for the e-resource practical but was good.
- Consider having qualitative approaches being part of the workshop
- Facilitators move fast and leave fresh manuscript writers behind.
- All participants should have a manuscript up to results.
- Would be better if all facilitators are given enough time to present.
- Important to include a facilitator who can combine qualitative & quantitative since many studies are now qualitative & quantitative.
- We should try to start and finish at the printed time

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### **Committee observations and recommendations**

- ❖ At the start people should be told to be on time so as to start the sessions on time
- ❖ There was a change in venue which affected the evaluation negatively, we should try to get a better venue next time
- ❖ Should ensure that each applicant has work in progress/ draft manuscript as a prerequisite to participate or else be disqualified.
- ❖ The committee recommends to maintain workshop days to remain 3 not as 4 as proposed by some participants.