**Scope Preamble**

Makerere University College of Health Sciences (MakCHS), Department of Pharmacology & Therapeutics in collaboration with the University of Liverpool (UoL) received funding from the UK Medical Research Council to build research capacity in Drug Safety Research in Uganda. This project seeks to develop a robust research programme to strengthen local capacity to identify and address the challenges of drug use and safety and promote the translation of research findings into policy and practice in collaboration with National Drug Authority - Uganda and UK’s Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency. Research modalities will span the clinical, biomedical, epidemiological, social sciences, implementation science, and policy-related disciplines. In particular, the program will prioritize the fields of pharmacovigilance, pharmacoepidemiology, clinical pharmacology, pharmacogenomics, clinical medicine concerning drug use and safety, aspects of social sciences that address drug use and safety, and other disciplines within the realm of drug use and safety. Key areas include the use of mHealth tools to promote drug safety, adverse drug reactions, adverse events following immunization, medication errors, patterns of drug/medication use, antimicrobial resistance, substandard and falsified medicines, and other drug-related issues.

**Purpose**

Applications are invited for a Manuscript Writing Workshop. It will be an intensive program that requires a significant commitment of time and effort before, during, and after the workshop. The goal is for all workshop participants to complete a research manuscript and submit it to a PubMed-listed peer-reviewed journal within 3 months. Interested applicants must complete and submit their applications to **drugsafetyuganda@gmail.com** **by 21 February 2024.** For any inquiries, call +256770464957.

**Selection**

Applications will be reviewed and scored and the applicant might be required to provide additional information by responding to subsequent questions within 1 week. Successful applicants will receive an official invitation to participate. This will be a highly competitive process and the workshop will be limited to the best candidates.

**Timelines**

The key deadlines are as follows:

1. **21 February 2024**: Initial application due
2. 28 February 2024: Initial review of applications due and feedback sent to applicants
3. 6 March 2024: Responses/revised applications due
4. 9 March 2024: Final scoring and invitations sent to successful applicants

**Eligibility criteria**

Please carefully review the eligibility criteria below. In particular, note that only candidates who have completed all research data collection will be eligible for this workshop. Applicants with draft manuscripts, theses/dissertations, research reports, etc will have a competitive advantage. Also, note that if you are selected, you will be assigned senior faculty to work closely with you during and after the workshop to help you finalize your paper. These faculty mentors are expected to fulfil all the four ICMJE authorship criteria listed here:

<http://www.icmje.org/recommendations/browse/roles-and-responsibilities/defining-the-role-of-authors-and-contributors.html>

Therefore, you will also be expected to include your assigned writing workshop mentors as co-authors on your paper.

Please ensure that you acknowledge your agreement to all of the workshop requirements in the application below.

Thank you very much,

The Manuscript Writing Workshop Team

**Your Last Name:**

**Your First Name:**

**Your Title/Position:**

**Your Institution:**

**Your Department:**

**Email Address:**

Indicate whether you are a Teaching Staff of Makerere University or other Public University, and/or a Graduate student: (*Tick appropriately*)

1. Teaching Faculty (Name the University) …………………………………………….
2. PhD student (Name the University) …………………………………………….
3. Masters student (*State Course*) ………………………………..
4. Other (*Specify*)……………………………………………………

At what stage are you? (*Tick one only*)

1. Completed data collection only
2. Completed data collection and cleaning only
3. Completed data collection and still analysing the data
4. Completed data collection and analysis – no report yet
5. Written a draft/completed manuscript/ report
6. Written a draft/completed dissertation/thesis
7. Other (*Specify*)…………………………………….

**Proposed Paper Title**

**Current Proposed Authors List (Only list those individuals who will meet international standards for authorship and who have agreed to help you write this paper.)**

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**What is the specific primary scientific question or hypothesis that this paper will address? Provide only 1 primary question or hypothesis. Make it crystal clear and succinct. Do not exceed 30 words.**

**Why is this scientific question or hypothesis important? Use a bullet list format to list the reasons why your question/hypothesis is important. Hint: how will clinical practice, public health policy and/or pathogenesis of disease be affected/changed by addressing your question/hypothesis?**

**Why is your scientific question or hypothesis novel? Use a bullet list format to list the reasons why your question/hypothesis is novel. Hint: It is not novel if it is a “me too” study. If the only new thing is that this hypothesis/question has not yet been addressed in Uganda, it is not novel.**

**Briefly describe the study site, study population and data sources that you will use for addressing your question/hypothesis. Less than 50 words.**

**Briefly describe the analysis design and methods that will be used to address your question or hypothesis. Hint: Case-control analysis? Observational cohort? Randomized clinical trial? Less than 100 words**

**List (use a bullet list format) the Titles of all of the Tables and Figures that you propose to use for this paper, in order (***if you have them***).**

**List (use a bullet list format) the key results that have statistical significance in your paper. List these in the order you will present them in the paper**

**State what you expect will be the key conclusions of your paper, in no more than 50 words.**

By checking each of the boxes below, I agree to the following eligibility requirements for participation in the Manuscript Writing Workshop:

[ ]  I agree to attend all workshop sessions from 9AM to 5PM on each of the 3 days of the workshop

[ ]  I agree to bring my own laptop to the workshop

[ ]  I agree that all study visits and all data collection needed for this paper have been completed and all study data have been entered into my research database. All my study data have also been cleaned, corrected if needed and finalized.

[ ]  I agree that I will bring my study database with me to this workshop.

[ ]  I agree that I will include my writing workshop mentors as co-authors, if they meet the four ICMJE authorship guidelines.

[ ]  I commit to completing the manuscript and submitting it to a PubMed journal within 3 months of the workshop.

Your Name:

Your Signature:

The Date: