



Methodology Section Meeting Minutes

Friday, 6/27/14

6:30-8:00 am

Attendees: Donald Penzien, Betsy Seng, Scott Powers, Todd Smitherman, Timothy Houle, Dana Turner, Jenetta Rains, Megan Irby, Jason Roberts (notes)

Agenda Items:

1. Ideas for section symposia (Washington, DC 2015)
2. Drafting a "How To" Statistics Paper with Multiple Brief Sections (Dr. Houle)
3. Recap and debriefing of AHS Symposium and Editorial Meeting from 6/26/2014
4. Discuss planning for Behavioral Treatment Guidelines Revision Meeting at the Southern Headache Society meeting in Asheville
5. Requests for Agenda Items for Revision Meeting

1. Ideas for section symposia in Washington DC, 2015

a. Writing NIH grants in the current funding climate

- i. Experience of being "the headache physician" on a study section
- ii. Mock study section with an audience (for anyone interested in writing grants)
- iii. You're writing a grant: what do you do next?
- iv. A few brief talks: examples of awarded grants, mechanisms of funding, processes for writing a successful grant

b. Statistics and Design Series Workshop (Not a statistics/design 101 workshop)

- i. Content suggestions: Publication issues, Designing a pilot trial
- ii. How well would this topic be received, by the section and/or by the society?
- iii. Similar series have been done before (Scottsdale), but not well attended in the Scottsdale meeting context
- iv. Consider inviting Dr. Linda Porter (NIH); Dr. Powers believes Dr. Porter will be happy to participate at AHS 2015 scientific meeting

c. In the past this Section has sponsored several pre-convention symposia addressing Reporting issues, processes for publication and publication ethics in tandem with Journal staff

- i. A pre-convention workshop proposal addressing series on 'Publications' would be more popular, better attended, but the impact would be less significant. A series on 'Grant Writing' would be more beneficial for a smaller group of people.

d. Consider bringing in presenters from various potential funding organizations

- i. DoD, PCORI, American Migraine Foundation, etc
- ii. Possible content: "Getting your foot in the grant door"

2. Drafting a "How To" Statistics Paper with Multiple Brief Sections (Dr. Houle)

- a. Tom Ward's initiative (supplements)
- b. Writing group: 20+ brief 1-2 page papers/sections
 - i. Would not enhance impact factor; smaller papers would be less likely to get cited
- c. Would not compete with writing the guidelines or companion papers

3. Recap and debriefing of AHS Symposia and Editorial Meeting from 6/26/2014 and Planning for revision of behavioral headache treatment guidelines

- a. Convening in Asheville, NC, September 25-28, 2014
 - b. Plan to publish Guidelines and Companion papers in the *Headache* journal in or around the May 2015 issue (ideally before AHS 2015 meeting)
 - i. Publishing in 2015 on the 10th anniversary would be ideal
 - ii. Is the mid-year 2015 time line realistic or would late 2015 be more suitable
 - c. In version 1.0 of the guideline: 14 papers in the journal itself and 5-6 editorials plus an additional 4 papers (including the Guideline) appearing in tandem in the a journal supplement—all were peer reviewed
 - d. Companion Paper Ideas for the 2nd edition:
 - i. New design issues pertaining to behavioral and other headache research trials, for example with specific focus addressing placebo and control condition Issues, representative samples, comparative effectiveness studies, etc [Invite past presidents (Dr. Richard Lipton, Dr. Elizabeth Loder) to author]
 - e. **Should the focus of the 2nd edition of the guideline again be limited to Behavioral Clinical Trials Guidelines, or should it be focused more broadly to include other non-pharmacologic therapies?**
 - i. Discussion suggested general agreement to keep guidelines about behavioral trials, but draft companion papers to address ‘yet to be manualized’ principles for other therapies. Who would be asked to contribute, and who would endorse this in their specific fields?
 - ii. Intent is to revise this guideline to a new and improved level without compromising the fundamentals of the original intent
 - iii. In Edition 1.0: introduction states that the content is pertinent to other non-pharm therapies
 - iv. Guidelines will define and explain the importance of a control group, and a companion paper would address choosing the appropriate control group for a specific objective
 - v. Invite editorials (also peer reviewed)
- 4. Southern Headache Society (SHS), September 25-28, Asheville, NC is providing meeting space and support for the working retreat of the Behavioral Clinical Trials Guideline Workgroup.**
- a. Friday and Sunday are reserved for workgroup meetings
 - i. Attendees will also have meeting obligations outside of the ‘guidelines’ process
 - ii. Saturday is not blocked off for the Guidelines but reserved for SHS meeting activities
 - iii. Penzien to set time limits and structure
 - b. Preserve opportunities for workgroup members to also meet and discuss informally throughout the weekend
 - c. Funding is not available so workgroup members must provide own funding for travel and lodging for the Asheville retreat.
 - d. Without opening this up to everyone, who else should be included?
 - i. Scott Powers suggested he may know individuals who could may provide good feedback on methodologic issues (names not recorded)
 - ii. Prior contributors: Dr. Justin Nash and Dr. Alvin Lake were previously included in the guideline first edition and will be contacted to assess their interest in continuing with the revision process
 - iii. Consider checking NIH Reporter to see who is doing headache trials and invite them to the fold for this revision process
 - iv. Dr. Beverly Thorne was recommended as potential workgroup member
 - e. Need to know workgroup retreat attendees soon to reserve space for the Asheville meeting

f. Penzien to work out travel logistics recommendations

5. Specific Requests for Agenda Items

- a. Special populations: Pediatrics, Underserved groups
- b. Electronic and web-based assessments
- c. Registering Trials
- d. Read through Edition 1.0 and identify new areas
- e. Ask other colleagues, particularly in Behavioral Medicine, to read through and highlight

Meeting adjourned 7:58 am