**Class 11: Proper Referencing** **of Research Articles (APA Style)**

1. **Learning Objectives**

At the end of this class, learners should be able to:

1. Reference properly research articles using APA style of referencing

***Instructions: Be clear from the onset that many journals may use the APA style, but there are many other referencing styles. Authors have to comply with instructions to authors from the targeted journal (s).***

1. **Rationale**

In your manuscript in English, you will most likely use only research articles from PubMed and google scholar. A proper referencing is required for the editor or reviewers of a journal to evaluate your references. When your paper is in a perfect APA format, this will talk much about your credibility as a research or scientist and give a good first impression “Presentation of the meal” to your instructor or mentor or supervisor or reviewers or journal editors. APA citations allow your readers to cross-reference your sources easily, which is essential in academic writing because it allows your audience to know, understand and verify the origins of your ideas1. Writing in a solid References or citations can be copied from PubMed, managed using reference management tools (Zootero, EndNote, Mendeley or word) or done with Scribbr APA Citation Generator2 or manually.

1. **Activities**

***Instructions for activities 1-4: Demonstrate how to conduct a search on Pubmed and make screenshots of the steps to be shared with learners.***

**Activity 1**

Ask learners in small groups to search “Health benefits of alcohol on hypertension” on Pubmed and google scholar from 2019 to 2023 and use the abstracts of research articles published as meta-analysis to write a paragraph (three sentences minimum and eight sentences maximum) with references in the APA referencing style.

**Activity 2**

Ask learners in small groups to search “Negative health Effects of alcohol on diabetes” on Pubmed and google scholar from 2019 to 2023 and use the abstracts of research articles published as meta-analysis to write a paragraph (three sentences minimum and eight sentences maximum) with references in the APA referencing style.

**Activity 3**

Ask learners in small groups to search “Negative health Effects of tobacco smoking on cardiovascular diseases” on Pubmed from 2019 to 2023 and use the abstracts of research articles published as meta-analysis to write a paragraph (three sentences minimum and eight sentences maximum) with references in the APA referencing style.

**Activity 4**

Ask learners in small groups to search “Health Benefits of tobacco smoking on dementia” on Pubmed and google from 2019 to 2023 and use the abstracts of research articles published as meta-analysis to write a paragraph (three sentences minimum and eight sentences maximum) with references in the APA referencing style.

***Instructions for activity 5: Demonstrate how to conduct a search on Pubmed using AND, OR and BUT and make screenshots of the steps to be shared with learners.***

**Activity 5**

Ask learners in small groups to search “Alcohol consumption AND tobacco smoking AND cardiovascular risks” on Pubmed from 2019 to 2023 and use abstracts of research articles published as meta-analysis to write a paragraph (three sentences minimum and eight sentences maximum) with references in the APA referencing style.

1. **Evaluation**
2. How do you reference a research article using APA referencing style?
3. **Individual homework**

Write a paragraph on your research work and using APA style of referencing for the next class.

1. **References**
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