



**LMIC Working Group**

**Minute**

**31 October 2019**

**1715 to 1815 (Australia)**

**Chair: Prof. Joseph L. Mathew**

**Participants:**

Joseph Mathew (Chair)

Okwen Patrick Mbah

Janine Dizon

Gouri Shankar Bhattacharya

Toshiaki Baba

Etienne Ngeh

Carl

Koen Vanneste

No.	Item	Action
1	<b>Welcome, Apologies, Conflict of Interest Disclosures:</b>  None declared  -	JLM
2	<b>Review and approve last meeting minute:</b>  Not applicable  -	
3	<b>Subject: Problems with holding this meeting.</b>  1) The meeting was scheduled for 31 Oct 2019 from 1715 to 1815. A few days prior to the Conference, it was suddenly shifted to 01 Nov from 0745 to 0845. This was	JLM



	<p>successfully rectified a few days prior to the Conference and was reflected in the Programme (on the website also). However, the slide presentation at the AGM reflected it as scheduled for 01 Nov in the morning.</p> <p>2) The CoNferenc app on day 1 (31 October 2019) did not reflect working group meetings, hence this meeting was not reflected in the Programme on the app.</p> <p>3) The slide set uploaded in the Preview Room (for this meeting) did not appear on the computer in the meeting room, hence could not be run.</p>	
4	<p><b>Subject: Overview of LMIC WG activities with respect to:Aims and Objectives:</b></p> <p><i>1. Develop a network of people and institutions in developed and developing countries sharing a common goal to enhance health-care in developing countries.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Progress:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Networking between individuals</li> <li>– Limited networking between institutions</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Barriers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Floating membership</li> <li>– Multiple time zones</li> <li>– Connectivity</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>2. To support activities targeted towards understanding the process of guideline development and utilisation in developing countries</i></p> <p><b>Progress:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– G-I-N LMIC survey on CPG in 8 LMICs</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Barriers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Could not expand survey</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	JLM



	<p><b>3) Explore how the available G-I-N resources (materials, products, personnel) can be best used to support overall G-I-N goals in developing countries.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Progress:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– LMIC members have free access to the G-I-N Library</li> <li>– Reduced membership fee</li> <li>– Travel Grants for Annual Conference</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Barriers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Limited utilization</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>4) Identify methods for adoption and/or adaptation of guideline recommendations in resource constrained settings.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Progress:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Nothing significant from the LMIC as a group</li> <li>– Individual members have made significant progress</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Barriers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Scaling up challenges</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>5) Identify opportunities for research and building the knowledge base specifically related to aspects of guideline development and implementation.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Progress:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– None</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Barriers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Funding</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
--	--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	--



	<p><b>6) Provide support and mentorship for guideline developers and implementers in resource constrained settings.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Workshops in multiple places</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Barriers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Ongoing mentorship</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>7) Organise and promote events within the annual G-I-N conference.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Plenary session/ Workshop/ Panel/ Oral/ Poster</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Barriers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Individual presenters not linked to LMIC WG</li> <li>– Multiple regional groups</li> <li>– Limited developed country partners</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>8) Interact with G-I-N working groups to encourage feedback and avoid duplication of effort.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Nil</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Barriers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Floating membership</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>9) Promote capacity building in guidelines adaptation and development through workshops, lectures and mentorships in resource constrained settings.</b></p>	
--	---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	--



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Progress:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– No organized initiative so far</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Barriers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– ?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>10) Support regional meetings within resource constrained settings if opportunities arise.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Progress:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– None</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Barriers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Resource (Manpower/ Money) limitations</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
5	<p><b>Subject: Progress with EB guidelines in Africa.</b></p> <p>Patrick apprised everyone of the efforts made to tailor available guidelines (from Duodecim, WHO, others) to the context of countries/ health-care systems in specific African countries through his work with eBASE Africa.</p> <p>He also emphasized that efforts for funding should be made and summarized the various agencies approached.</p>	OPM
	<p><b>Subject: Contextualization of evidence for use in local settings.</b></p> <p>Janine summarized her extensive work and experience in contextualizing evidence from different settings into low-resource settings (in terms of finances, manpower, materials). She provided specific examples of how existing guidelines could be contextualized through a step wise process. She also presented powerpoint slides highlighting the concept.</p>	JD
	<p><b>Subject: Best evidence may not be best for low-resource settings.</b></p> <p>Gouri presented a powerpoint highlighting how the best evidence</p>	GSB



	<p>created for developed country settings (in the context of oncology practice) is itself sometimes unsuitable because of entirely different contexts in low-resource settings. Sometimes, it is possible (even necessary) to do more (than recommended) in such settings (because generic medications are cheaper, hence cost-effective, and/or close follow-up and monitoring may be impossible, necessitating more aggressive initial therapies).</p>	
	<p><b>Subject: Initiatives in Japan .</b></p> <p>Toshiaki summarized that the Government of Japan, undertakes a lot of work in developing countries (in Africa and Asia) at the request of the local Governments. This includes manpower material and financial support for several years, in order to build up the local healthcare system. However, there is not much work with regard to guidelines. He suggested that it may be possible to explore capacity building through this scheme.</p>	TB
6	<p><b>Any Other Business:</b></p>	
7	<p><b>Date &amp; Time of Next Meeting:</b></p> <p>This could not be discussed as there were very few members present, on account of reasons highlighted in Point 3.</p>	