

# **Welcome to Global MECOR: Data Analysis & Scientific Writing**

Brackenhurst Retreat Center, Nairobi, Kenya

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# Objectives

- Assist you in analyzing your data and interpreting and summarizing your results
- Provide critical feedback as you draft your paper
- Make this a satisfying week for you!
  - We are prepared to ratchet the lectures up or down as needed to meet this objective.
- Work hard but have fun!

# Format

Each day will include:

- lecture on some aspect of paper writing
- lecture on some aspect of data analysis
- Lots of independent time to work on your datasets/paper

*All lectures are optional. Many of them you will have seen in prior MECOR courses.*

# End Product for the Week

- A high quality draft manuscript that is ready for circulation to your co-authors for final review and signoff.
- A good quality PowerPoint talk suitable for presentation at national or international meetings. You will present this to other students on Friday.

# Feedback

- This is a test course that is intended to be a step up in terms of expectations from previous MECOR courses.
- Your candid feedback will assist us in improving the course for future years. Please let us know how it's going and if it is meeting your needs.

# Student Introductions (3 minutes each!)

- Name and place of residence
- Your research question (or working paper title)
  - (e.g., “Do treatment outcomes differ in newly diagnosed TB patients with and without HIV?”)
- Study design
  - Randomized trial
- Status of your project
  - (e.g., analyses completed but haven't started writing yet)
- What statistical package are you using?
- What is your primary objective for the week?