Between 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 Cochrane South Africa (SA) staff published 90 articles in peer-reviewed ISI journals and seven conference proceedings.

Staff contributed to 49 COVID-19 rapid review reports for the National Department of Health, World Health Organization (WHO) Afro Office as well as the College of Public Health Medicine. A staff member contributed to a Guideline for the National Department of Health on “Clinical management of suspected or confirmed COVID-19 disease” and to the World Health Organization’s Guideline and Handbook on systematic screening for tuberculosis.

Staff presented at international (1 plenary, 6 orals, 1 poster, 1 workshop) and local (1 plenary, 4 orals, 1 panel, 4 posters) conferences. Staff serve on 44 international and 14 local committees.

Cochrane SA facilitated several capacity development initiatives. One of the goals of Cochrane SA is to increase awareness about the importance of evidence-informed decision-making at historically disadvantaged institutions (HDIs). To this end, the Unit provided online training on the conduct of systematic reviews to 12 South African students and researchers, four of whom were from HDIs. In addition, bursaries were awarded to 7 South African researchers and managers to attend the Primer in Systematic Reviews online course at Stellenbosch University, of which 3 bursaries were awarded to applicants from HDIs. The Centre conducted a training session on systematic reviews for PhD students from the universities of Fort Hare, Walter Sisulu and Sefako Makgatho; various lectures to medical students at the universities of Stellenbosch and Cape Town; and hosted 21 webinars of which at least 9 were CPD accredited.

Twenty-eight graduate students received supervision from Cochrane SA staff. Two of these students graduated, one with a PhD and one master’s degree.

A series of four webinars on evidence-based healthcare were facilitated for Bhekisisa staff who then published articles on the webinars on their website https://bhekisisa.org/category/resources-for-journalists. Bursaries were awarded to seven applicants for the Primer in Systematic Reviews online course at Stellenbosch University.

Staff gave more than 10 interviews for print and broadcast media and contributed original articles for print media.

Tamara Kredo was awarded a B2 rating from the National Research Foundation.

Joy Oliver was awarded the Chris Silagy Prize. The prize is awarded to an individual who has made an extraordinary contribution to the work of Cochrane.

Charles Wiysonge was appointed as one of the vice chairs of Global Research Collaboration for Infectious Disease Preparedness (GloPID-R).

Tamara Kredo was elected to the Cochrane Board, the governing body responsible for overseeing the development and implementation of Cochrane’s strategic direction.

Cochrane SA staff submitted and/or were co-applicants on nine grant proposals and were awarded four grants.

The South African National Clinical Trial Registry (SANCTR) was enhanced to meet the World Health Organization standards and officially went live on 29 June 2020. Cochrane staff manages SANCTR and have assisted South African trialists to navigate the new system. Since going live, a total of 68 new trials were registered of which 16 were COVID-19 trials.

The Pan African Clinical Trials Registry (PACTR) captures details of clinical trials conducted on the African continent. Currently there are 2803 trials registered in PACTR. In During 2020 PACTR registered 606 trials, of these 43 are investigating COVID-19 interventions.


10. Van Pinxteren M, Cooper S, Colvin CJ. Barriers and opportunities to using health information in policy implementation: The case of adolescent and youth friendly health services in the Western Cape. *Afr J Prm Health Care* 2021;13(1), a2654. [https://doi.org/10.4102/phcfm.v13i1.2654](https://doi.org/10.4102/phcfm.v13i1.2654)


CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS


PUBLICATIONS (TECHNICAL/OTHER)

GUIDELINES


BOOKS/BOOK CHAPTERS


RAPID REVIEWS/BRIEF REPORTS


26. Therapeutic Guidelines Sub-Committee for COVID-19 Management Clinical Guidelines Committee (including Kredo T), Should mucolytics be used for managing hospitalised Covid-19 patients compared to no intervention or an alternative intervention? Produced for the National Department of Health. Published 23 November 2020


36. CPHM Evidence-based COVID-19 Task team (including Siegfried N, Te Water Naude W), South African Medical Research Council (including Chirinda W, Oliver J, Hohlfeld A, Kredo T, Balakrishna Y). Is dilute sodium hypochlorite (bleach) solution for hand-washing safe and effective for reducing transmission of SARS-CoV-2 compared to alcohol hand sanitizer or soap and water handwashing? Published 27 July 2020


48. College of Public Health Medicine Evidence-based COVID-19 Task Team, Cochrane South Africa (Durao S, Hohlfeld A, Schmidt BM), SAMRC Health Systems Research Unit Should medical masks be used by the general public for preventing transmission of SARS-CoV-2? Published 11 April 2020


OTHER


6. Cooper S. Interviewed by the Agence France-Presse and quoted in a media article “There was no trust’: Apartheid ghosts stalk S. Africa’s vaccine fears’. Published on 5 February 2021 by eNCA. https://ewn.co.za/2021/02/05/there-was-no-trust-apartheid-ghosts-stalk-s-africa-s-vaccine-fears
7. **Kredo T.** Interviewed by the Tygerburger and quoted in a media article "More people opt for ivermectin treatment". Published on 23 February 2021 by Netwerk24.  

8. **Wiysonge CS, Cooper S.** Published an article "Vaccine hesitancy could derail efforts to end COVID. Here’s how South Africa could fix that" for Bhekisisa Centre for Health Journalism on 4 February 2021.  

9. **Kredo T.** Interviewed on Channel Afrika re the hydroxychlorine review on 9 March 2021

10. **Kredo T.** Interviewed on ENCA re the hydroxychlorine review on 9 March 2021.  
[https://youtu.be/yxA-v1C5Yc4](https://youtu.be/yxA-v1C5Yc4)

11. **Kredo T.** Interviewed on Radio 2000 re the hydroxychlorine review on 9 March 2021

12. **Kredo T.** Interviewed on EWN re the hydroxychlorine review on 10 March 2021

13. **Wiysonge CS.** Interviewed by the Lancet Infectious Diseases and quoted in the article "Feelings towards COVID-19 vaccination in Africa". Published in March 2021  


15. **Kredo T.** Interviewed on SA Government News Agency re the hydroxychlorine review on 9 March 2021.  


17. Wilson SL, **Wiysonge CS.** Misinformation on social media fuels vaccine hesitancy: a global study shows the link. The Conversation, 3 December 2020.  

18. Iwu-Jaja CJ, Kengne AP, **Wiysonge CS.** Diabetes is a ticking time bomb in sub-Saharan Africa. The Conversation, 12 November 2020.  

19. **Wiysonge CS.** How ending polio in Africa has had positive spinoffs for public health. The Conversation, 3 November 2020.  


22. **Durao S.** Interviewed on Newzroom Africa on food access review on 5 October 2020.  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QwsrqkzORej_O1K5n4OYehaOt4Pl4TC/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QwsrqkzORej_O1K5n4OYehaOt4Pl4TC/view?usp=sharing)

23. **Wiysonge CS.** Interviewed by the South China Morning Post and quoted in a media article 'Coronavirus vaccine success to hinge on global immunisation programme'. Published on 30 July 2020.  
24. Wiysonge CS. Interviewed by the Economist and quoted in a media article 'Lacking data, many African
governments make policy in the dark'. Published on 7 May 2020. (https://www.economist.com/middle-east-
and-africa/2020/05/07/lacking-data-many-african-governments-make-policy-in-the-dark)

25. Cooper S. Interviewed by the Agence France-Presse and quoted in a media article 'Misinformation flood
hampers fight for virus vaccine in Africa'. Published on 7 May 2020 by The Citizen
africa/)

26. Cooper S. Interviewed by the Agence France-Presse and quoted in a media article 'Bill Gates conspiracy
theories echo through Africa'. Published on 28 May 2020 by eNCA. (https://www.enca.com/analysis/bill-gates-
conspiracy-theories-echo-through-africa)

27. Ryan J. Spike in GBV shows our most vulnerable are even more at risk during lockdown. Published in Cape

28. Sambala EZ, Maderson L, Cooper S. Can philosophy of unbuntu help provide a way to face health crises?
Published by The Conversation on 28 April 2020 (https://theconversation.com/can-the-philosophy-of-ubuntu-
help-provide-a-way-to-face-health-crises-135997)

https://www.thinkglobalhealth.org/article/south-africas-war-covid-19

30. Wiysonge CS. Listed as signatory of the news release 'Coalition to accelerate research for COVID-19 in low- and
middle-income countries.' Published on 02 April 2020. https://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2020-04/dfnd-
cta040220.php

CONFERENCES

INTERNATIONAL

Plenary speaker

1. Kredo T. eCOVID-19 living recommendation map and gateway to contextualization. Guidelines International
Network webinar series 2020 – Pitstop in the COVID-19 Marathon. 1 October 2020 (Online)

Oral presentations

1. Hohlfeld A, Kredo T, Davids E, Galloway M, Ndwandwe D, Oliver J, Pienaar E, Durao S. Specific strategies to
increase access to Cochrane training opportunities in South Africa and the African region. 27th Cochrane
Colloquium, Toronto, Canada. 4-7 October 2020

2. Schmidt B, Head K, Anthony J, Kredo T, de Silva D. How will we know whether we’re making a difference?
Evaluating Cochrane’s knowledge translation impacts. 27th Cochrane Colloquium, Toronto, Canada. 4-7 October
2020

28 October 2020 (Online)

4. Wiysonge CS. COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy in Africa. Vaccinate for a Healthier Africa Webinar (Organised by
Merck). 15 October 2020 (Online)

Series. 7 October 2020. https://wcmq.app.box.com/s/w68udr666m3gziy4wk33j3kh9aeppmbe

COVID-19 Vaccination in an Era of Vaccine Hesitancy. 5 October 2020 (Online).
https://mesh.tghn.org/articles/seminar-covid-19-vaccination-era-vaccine-hesitancy/
Posters


Workshop Facilitator

1. Schmidt BM. A synergistic approach across five German-African health research networks for translating research evidence into policy and practice. BMBF Mid-term Meeting, Ghana. 29 January 2020

LOCAL

Plenary speaker


Oral Presentations


Panelist


Posters


4. Naidoo S, Wiysonge C. In producing evidence summaries to inform WHO policy briefs for the Africa region on non-communicable diseases, is there congruence with the Cochrane dissemination checklist. Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) Research Symposium, Cape Town. 4 March 2020
### TEACHING AND TRAINING

#### GRADUATED STUDENTS

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**LECTURES**

1. Systematic review and searching session for PhD students from Fort Hare, Walter Sisulu and Sefako Makgatho Universities. Cape Town. 4 February 2021

2. The role of knowledge translation in evidence-informed decision-making. Lecture to MPH students at the University of Cape Town. Cape Town. 26 November 2020

3. Introduction to qualitative evidence synthesis. Lecture to MSc Clinical Epidemiology students (Systematic review and meta-analysis module) at Stellenbosch University. Cape Town. 21 September 2020

4. Data extraction form and how to design data extraction forms. Lecture to MPH students at the University of Cape Town. Cape Town. 11 September 2020

5. Accessing the evidence: using PubMed and Cochrane Library and designating search strategies. Lecture to MPH students at the University of Cape Town. Cape Town. 10 September 2020

6. PICO development, refining the question and eligibility criteria. Lecture to MPH students at the University of Cape Town. Cape Town. 10 September 2020

7. Introduction to Evidence-based Health Care. Lecture to MPH students at the University of Cape Town. Cape Town. 9 September 2020

8. Evidence based healthcare teaching for medical students at Stellenbosch University. 21 and 22 January 2020

9. Pharmacology and Treatment of Headache to Stellenbosch University medical students. 17 January 2020

10. Physiotherapy Orientation Programme to Physiotherapy students at the University of Cape Town. 15 January 2020

**WEBINARS**


2. AMSTAR 2. Cochrane SA systematic review methods webinar. 16 March 2021

3. GRADE adolopment for adapting guidelines to your context. Webinar for the Adult Hospital Level Expert Review Committee. Cape Town. 12 November 2020

4. Introducing the redeveloped South African Clinical Trials Registry (SANCTR). Cape Town. 10 November 2020

5. How do we know if we making a difference? Part 2: Collecting and analyzing feedback. Presented at the Cochrane Knowledge Translation webinar series. Cape Town. 2 November 2020

6. Introduction on rapid reviews. Cape Town. 13 October 2020

8. Finding and reading systematic reviews. Webinar for the Adult Hospital Level Expert Review Committee. Cape Town. 29 October 2020


10. Core outcome set development. 18 September 2020

11. How to navigate a systematic review. Webinar session for Bhekisisa. 11 September 2020

12. Issue brief: a tool for enhancing research uptake and evidence-use in policy and practice. 18 August 2020

13. Appraising diagnostic test accuracy studies. 21 July 2020

14. Which study design answers which question? Webinar session for Bhekisisa. 17 July 2020

15. Knowledge translation evaluation. 14 July 2020

16. Health equity in systematic reviews. 12 June 2020

17. Finding the evidence and navigating the Cochrane Library. Webinar session for Bhekisisa. 5 June 2020


19. An introduction to ROBINS-I. A webinar session for the AFROStrep group, Department of Medicine, University of Cape Town. 22 May 2020

20. Risk of bias 2.0. 21 April 2020


WORKSHOPS/SHORT COURSES


2. Qualitative Research Methods Summer School. Short course at the University of the Western Cape. Cape Town. 15-19 February 2021

3. Introduction to qualitative evidence synthesis. Short online course at the university of Stellenbosch. Cape Town. 5 October - 27 November 2020

4. Protocol development online course. 28 August – 23 October 2020

5. Introduction to Qualitative Evidence Synthesis. Short online course at the University of Stellenbosch. Cape Town. 3 August - 24 September 2020

6. The role of evidence in policy-making and Cochrane. Virtual presentation at the Malawi 5-day virtual workshop on systematic reviews and meta-analysis. 10-14 August 2020

INTELLECTUAL INPUT

INTERNATIONAL

Cooper S

1. Member, Methodological Limitations Working Subgroup of GRADE-CERQual (Confidence in the Evidence from Reviews of Qualitative Research). October 2019 –


3. Member, Editorial Board of Critical Public Health. 2015 -
**Davids E**
1. Peer reviewer, Evidence-Based Mental Health. July 2020
2. Reviewer, United Kingdom Research and Innovation - Future Leaders Fellowship. April 2020

**Durao S**
1. Member, Scientific Committee, Cochrane Africa Contributors Meeting 2021. October 2020 -
2. Member, Cochrane Colloquium Abstract Committee. 2020
3. Co-Director, Cochrane Africa Network. May 2018 -
4. Contact editor, Cochrane Public Health Group. February 2018 -
5. Co-Director, Cochrane Nutrition. May 2016 -

**Hohlfeld A**
1. Peer reviewer, BMJ Open. December 2020
2. Member, Abstract Committee, Cochrane Africa Contributors Meeting 2021. October 2020 -
3. Member, Bursary/Stipend Committee, Cochrane Africa Contributors Meeting 2021. October 2020 -
5. Member, COVID-NMA Operating Team. April 2020 -
6. Member, COVID-19 Evidence Network to support Decision-making (COVID-END) Recommending Working Group. 2020 -
7. Member, Cochrane Sweden Advisory Board. 2020 –
8. Member, Cochrane Colloquium Abstract Committee. January - September 2020
12. Co-Director, Cochrane Africa Network. August 2017 - ongoing
13. Member, Cochrane Knowledge Translation Working Group on Improving and upscaling existing products. 2017 -
14. Member, Cochrane Nutrition Field Management Committee. 2017 -

**Jaca A**
1. Peer reviewer, Vaccine. May 2020

**Kredo T**
1. External reviewer, WHO/PAHO guideline. October 2020
2. Member, Finance Committee, Cochrane Africa Contributors Meeting 2021. October 2020 -
3. Member, Guideline International Network Implementation Working Group. October 2020 -
4. Member, Scientific Committee, Cochrane Africa Contributors Meeting 2021. October 2020 -
5. Member, Cochrane Board. August 2020 –
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16. Member, Cochrane Knowledge Translation Working Group on Improving and Upscaling Existing Products. 2017 - ongoing

17. Member, Guidelines International Network Afro Community. October 2014 -

18. Member, Cochrane Training Network. September 2011 - ongoing

**Ndwandwe D**

1. Peer reviewer, Human Vaccines and Immunotherapeutics. November 2020
2. Peer reviewer, BMJ Open. November 2020
5. Article editor, SAGE Open Journals. August 2020
7. Peer reviewer, Systematic Reviews. July 2020
10. Member, Clinical Research Initiative for Global Health P1 Working Group. 2019 - ongoing

**Oliver J**

1. Member, Local Organizing Committee, Cochrane Africa Contributors Meeting 2021. October 2020 -
2. Chair, Bursary/Stipend Committee, Cochrane Africa Contributors Meeting 2021. October 2020 -
3. Member, Publicity and Communications Committee, Cochrane Africa Contributors Meeting 2021. October 2020

**Pienaar E**

2. Member, Cochrane Developing Countries Stipend Committee. February 2018 –
3. Member of the Advisory Group for WHO-ICTRP. 2018 - ongoing

**Ryan J**


**Wiysonge CS**

1. Vice-chair, Global Research Collaboration for Infectious Diseases Preparedness (GLoPID-R). 2020 -
2. Member, WHO Working Group on Measuring behavioural and Social Drivers (BeSD) of COVID-19 vaccination. 2020 -
4. Peer reviewer, Vaccine. November 2020
5. Peer reviewer, PLoS ONE. May, August, October, November 2020
6. Peer reviewer, EDCTP. September 2020

7. Assessor, promotions for Associate Professor, Emory University, USA. September 2020


10. Peer reviewer, American Journal of Cardiovascular Drugs. May 2020

11. Guest editor, Pan African Medical Journal. 2020 -

12. Member, African Taskforce for Novel Coronavirus (AFCOR) Surveillance Working Group (Africa CDC). 2020 -

13. Member, COVID-19 Evidence Network to support Decision-making (COVID-END) Scoping Working Group. 2020 -

14. Member, Merck Global Vaccine Confidence Advisory Board. 2020 -

15. Member, African Scientific, Research and Innovation Council (ASRIC) Advisory Board on Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Intervention for COVID-19. 2020 -

16. Academic Editor, PLoS ONE. 2019 -

17. Member, WHO Measuring Behavioral and Social Drivers of Vaccination Working Group (BeSD). 2018 –

18. Member, WHO Working Group on Measuring behavioural and social drivers (BeSD) of Covid-19 vaccination. 2020 -


20. Editor, Human Vaccines & Immunotherapeutics. 2017 -

21. Member, GRADE Working Group. 2014 -

22. Member, Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation (Gavi) Independent Review Committee. 2014 -

23. Member, WHO Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunisation (SAGE) Working Grouping on Ebola Vaccines and Vaccination. 2014 -

24. Member, African Advisory Committee on Health Research and Development. WHO Africa. 2014 -

**LOCAL**

**Cooper S**

1. External examiner, PhD dissertation (proposal), School of Public Health and Family Medicine, University of Cape Town. September 2020

2. External examiner, Master's dissertation, School of Pharmacy, Sefako Makgatho Health Science University. April 2020

3. Member, National Advisory Group on Immunisation's Working Group on Vaccine Hesitancy, National Department of Health. September 2019 -

**Davids E**

1. Reviewer, SAMRC Scientific Committee. August 2020

2. Reviewer, Shaun Johnson Memorial Scholarship (PhD Programme of the Mandela Rhodes Foundation). May 2020
3. National Secretary, South African Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions. 2019 - 2021

4. Co-Director, Adolescent Health Research Unit, University of Cape Town. April 2018 -

5. Member, South African Young Academy of Science. 2017 -

**Durao S**

1. Member, Non-Communicable Diseases Symposium Abstract Committee. 2020

**Hohlfeld A**

1. Course convenor, University of Cape Town MPH Evidence-based Health Care module. September – December 2020
2. Teaching assistant, Stellenbosch University MClin Epi Systematic Review and Meta-analysis module. July – November 2020

**Jaca A**

1. Member, National Advisory Group on Immunisation's Working Group on Vaccine Hesitancy, National Department of Health. June 2020 -

**Kredo T**

1. Member, Workstream 1 (Evidence) of the Ministerial Advisory Committee on the COVID-19 vaccine (MAC). November 2020 -
2. Co-director, SA GRADE Network. March 2019 - ongoing
3. Member, National Essential Medicines List Committee. 2020 -
4. Extraordinary Senior Lecturer in Clinical Pharmacology, Stellenbosch University. April 2015 - December 2021
5. Member, South African Medical Journal Editorial Sub-Committee for Guideline Review. April 2014 -
6. Member, HIV Adult Advisory Committee of the Western Cape. 2006 – ongoing

**Ndwandwe D**

1. PhD Examiner, University of KwaZulu Natal. December 2020
2. Reviewer, South African National Research Foundation. September 2020
3. Member, Scholarship Selection Committee, SAMRC Scholarship Programmes. May 2020 - ongoing
4. Board member, EHI WOZA. May 2020 – ongoing
5. Member, National Advisory Group on Immunisation's Working Group on Vaccine Hesitancy, National Department of Health. September 2019 -

**Wiysonge CS**

1. Member, Workstream 4 (Logistics) of the Ministerial Advisory Committee on the COVID-19 vaccine (MAC). 2020 -
2. Assessor, promotions for Associate Professor and Professor, Stellenbosch University. September 2020
3. Reviewer, National Research Foundation Rating Application. May 2020
4. Member, SAMRC Human Research Ethics Committee. May 2018 - December 2021
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<td>Leveraging Covid-19 to Build Confidence in Vaccination and Promote Antimicrobial</td>
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<td>McMaster University through the Canadian Institute of Health Research (Co-investigator)</td>
<td>A systematic and living evidence and guideline recommendations map on COVID-19</td>
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<td>Conduct literature searches for project on immunization in Africa</td>
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## GRANT APPLICATIONS

1. **Kredo T.** Co-applicant on a grant proposal to the Government of Canada - 2020 Transformation Competition which has been short-listed and a full proposal will be submitted next year April

2. **Ndwandwe D.** Co-lead a sub-award grant for Work Package 5 from WHO/TDR which is part of the COVID-19 Research Coalition data sharing group. Towards harmonization of data sharing information requirements in ICTRP registries

3. **Kredo T.** Principal applicant on grant proposal to the EDCTP (RIA2020S-3303) ‘Strategic actions to maximise the impact of research on reducing disease burden, in collaboration with development cooperation initiatives’. Submitted proposal: Global evidence, location adaptation: Enhancing evidence-informed guideline recommendations for newborn and young child health in three countries in sub-Saharan Africa

4. **Schmidt BM.** Submitted a proposal to the EDCTP Career Development Fellowship grant: Strengthening community engagement in TB and HIV vaccine trials in South Africa

5. **Kredo T.** Co-applicant on a grant submission to the Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR): Mapping COVID-19 guidelines

6. **Schmidt BM.** Submitted a proposal the NIHR and UKIR Global Effort on COVID-19 (GECO) Health Research Grant: Relevant, accessible and equity-focused Cochrane rapid systematic reviews to support COVID-19 health decision-making in Africa

7. **Wiysonge CS.** Co-applicant on a grant submission to the Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR) - RAISE COVID: An international sustainable CoP to support evidence based health systems decision making and strengthening in LMICs during COVID-19

8. **Wiysonge CS.** Sponsor on a personal fellowship application to Wellcome Trust: Vaccine management and the availability of vaccines in rural South Africa
TRAINING COURSES/CONFERENCES ATTENDED

1. Ndwandwe D. Workshop: What are the existing gaps in knowledge and skills among researchers in LMICs, to effectively share and use COVID-19 research data. 2 December 2020. Cost: Nil
14. Ndwandwe D. Webinar on Rethinking the PhD in Africa and Global South. 5 November 2020. Cost: Nil
22. Ndwandwe D. Webinar on Engaging civil society to support equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines. 21 October 2020. Cost: Nil
34. Hohlfeld A. Covid-19 vaccine development, access and hesitancy (webinar). 3 September 2020
35. Ndwandwe D. Special Joint Webinar - Division of Human Genetics and the IDM. 3 September 2020. Cost: Nil
37. Ndwandwe D. AVAREF Webinar - COVID-19 has shown Africa the need to start manufacturing vaccines. 27 August 2020. Cost: Nil
47. Ndwandwe D. How to conduct and report your scoping review: latest guidance (Webinar). 29 July 2020. Cost: Nil
52. Ndwandwe D. Assessing the risk of bias in studies included in Diagnostic Test Accuracy reviews (Webinar).
21 July 2020. Cost Nil

53. Hohlfeld A. Rapid review methods more challenging during COVID-19: Commentary with a focus on 8 knowledge synthesis steps (webinar). 21 July 2020. Cost: Nil

54. Jaca A. Rapid review methods more challenging during COVID-19: Commentary with a focus on 8 knowledge synthesis steps (webinar). 21 July 2020. Cost: Nil


57. Hohlfeld A. RoB 2 Domain 2: Bias due to deviations from the intended interventions (webinar). 21 July 2020. Cost: Nil


64. Oliver J. SAMRC & CSIR webinar series on COVID-19 and the workplace: Webinar #3 - Travel between office and home, the Singapore case study and non-chemical disinfection. 10 July 2020. Cost: Nil

65. Malinga T. SAMRC & CSIR webinar series on COVID-19 and the workplace: Webinar #3 - Travel between office and home, the Singapore case study and non-chemical disinfection. 10 July 2020. Cost: Nil


68. Oliver J. SAMRC & CSIR webinar series on COVID-19 and the workplace: Webinar #2 - Safe-guarding the office. 7 July 2020. Cost: Nil

69. Malinga T. SAMRC & CSIR webinar series on COVID-19 and the workplace: Webinar #2 - Safe-guarding the office. 7 July 2020. Cost: Nil

70. Oliver J. How to organise live online learning: a guide to running webinars and virtual workshops (webinar). 7 July 2020. Cost: Nil

71. Oliver J. SAMRC & CSIR webinar series on COVID-19 and the workplace: Webinar #1 - Setting the scene. 3 July 2020. Cost: Nil

72. Malinga T. SAMRC & CSIR webinar series on COVID-19 and the workplace: Webinar #1 - Setting the scene. 3 July 2020. Cost: Nil

73. Ndwandwe D. SAMRC & CSIR webinar series on COVID-19 and the workplace: Webinar #1 - Setting the scene. 3 July 2020. Cost: Nil


76. Malinga T. Biostats seminar: Writing mentors results and discussion (webinar), Stellenbosch University. 1 July 2020. Cost: Nil


87. Jaca A. Top tips for scientists engaging with the media (webinar). Hosted by the SAMRC. 11 June 2020. Cost: Nil


89. Galloway M. Top tips for scientists engaging with the media (webinar). Hosted by the SAMRC. 11 June 2020. Cost: Nil

90. Selvan Naidoo. Top tips for scientists engaging with the media (webinar). Hosted by the SAMRC. 11 June 2020. Cost: Nil

91. Ryan J. Top tips for scientists engaging with the media (webinar). Hosted by the SAMRC. 11 June 2020. Cost: Nil


94. Malinga T. Training in qualitative research: manual coding and basic thematic analysis (webinar), Cochrane South Africa. 2 June 2020


96. Jaca A. Balancing the tripod of pandemics: The role of Government, NGOs, and research organizations. 27 May 2020. Cost: Nil


113. Ryan J. Centre for Evidence-based Health Care, Stellenbosch University LIXA session (webinar). 30 April 2020. Cost: Nil


115. Ndwandwe D. Centre for Evidence-based Health Care, Stellenbosch University LIXA session (webinar). 30 April 2020. Cost: Nil


120. Njenje P. How to be effective in on-line meetings: Top tips for presenting, facilitating and participating in professional meetings on-line. Hosted by SAMRC Gender & Health Research Unit. 24 April 2020. Cost: Nil

121. Malinga T. How to be effective in on-line meetings: Top tips for presenting, facilitating and participating in professional meetings on-line. Hosted by SAMRC Gender & Health Research Unit. 24 April 2020. Cost: Nil

122. Malinga T. Transdisciplinary working to shape the systematic reviews and interpret the findings (webinar). 16 April 2020. Cost: Nil