Manuscript Review Committee

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MRC = PITA

- But we try to be helpful
- Does the introduction motivate the analysis?
- Are the methods according to standard and clear
- Are the results clear? Do they make a main point?
- Does the discussion relate to the conclusions?
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- Primary outcomes
- Opinion pieces/Commentaries
- Qualitative outcomes
- Secondary/tertiary outcomes
Qualitative Outcomes

• Draw something out of the analyses that is new, innovative, surprising

• With programmatic and/or policy relevance
Secondary/Tertiary Papers

- Often correlational analyses, quite often cross-sectional
- Causal inferences limited to non-existent
- Does not always make sense to focus on limited variables when many may be involved
- Multivariate analysis may or may not make sense
- The data set may not be appropriate for the question that is being addressed
Secondary/Tertiary Papers

• Base conclusions on the results of the analysis
• Focus tables on the primary objectives of the table
• Spend time thinking about the right cohort for the analysis
• Focus on selected outcomes (3-4)
• Spend a lot of time constructing tables so that they best display results
Secondary/Tertiary Papers

• Introduction: 3-4 paragraphs
• Methods: Follow Consort Guidelines
• Results: 3-4 tables and/or 1-2 figures
• Discussion: 4-5 paragraphs
  – Main conclusions/why the data do or do not support the hypotheses or exploratory questions
  – Research implications
  – Limitations
  – Programmatic and policy implications
Secondary/Tertiary Papers

• Make main point quickly
• Write in journalistic style
• Stress the programmatic or policy importance of the analysis
• Stress the innovation of the analysis
• Don’t overstate results but don’t dwell on the negative either
Database Goals

• Track the publication process from the beginning of development through publication.
• Create clear reports that can be easily accessed on the HPTN Portal by members of the EC, LOC, SDMC, and LC.
# Database Entry Form

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