

Discussion Following Panelist's Presentations

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The first question which arose during the discussion was "Does anybody care?" Consensus was that, we do care and should be working at finding some solutions or providing guidelines.

The following are comments or responses from panel members and from conference attendees:

- Specific documentation would allow comparability of studies and/or meta analyses, especially for large epidemiological studies.
- Documentation should be sufficient to allow reproducibility of the work.
- More detail is needed in documenting food frequency questionnaires.
- If a version number, or date, of a system is used, and missing values are added by the user - how should the additions be documented?
- All sources of data should be provided.
- Journal editors should consider selection of reviewers who are knowledgeable about these issues.
- Our levels of concern may need to be matched with the kinds, types, methods, quality of the studies.
- Consider what is reasonable - for editors, users, readers, types of studies, publication space, etc.
- How do we communicate our concerns and recommendations to the broad community?

As an outcome of these presentations and discussion, a task force was formed to address the issues. The task force is comprised of the panel members (J. Hankin, E. Monsen, G. Petot, K. Stewart) with Suzanne Murphy as chair.

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