Reviewer’s report

Title: Enhancing quality and integrity in biomedical research in Africa: An international call for greater focus, investment and standardisation in capacity strengthening for frontline staff

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Minor Essential Revisions

Comments:

1. Can the co-authors be listed with their contact information unless the journal has a limit on the number of authors to be listed.
2. The abstract does not contain the results section which would help a reader to understand at a glance what the manuscript is about. Please include a results section in the abstract.
3. Additionally, the abstract does not have conclusions rather a discussion. This needs to be rectified.
4. The methods section describes what happened during the workshop but falls short of explaining how the workshop discussions were analysed to form results for this manuscript. What type of analysis was used and how was the data analysed?
5. The ethical aspects of the study/manuscript should be part of the methods section.
6. It would also be good to have a link or an appendix in the methods section which would link the list of the participants to the methods section. This would solve the issue of listing the participants in the methods section.
7. It is important to know if the data collection methods had any limitations.
8. The manuscript does not have a section to discuss results. Rather it reports findings from the workshop and recommendations by the workshop participants. It would be good to discuss these findings and recommendations which I think can be grouped together as results.
9. Authors’ contributions appear twice as line 182 and line 196. In line 199, For the first time in the manuscript initials of some authors appears which is confusing. These initials need to be linked to names already mentioned in the manuscript.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being
published

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests