



# GT4AFRICA



**Gender Transformation for Africa:** A Sexual, Reproductive and Maternal Health Research Collaborative

**Transformation du genre pour l'Afrique:** Une recherche concertée sur la santé sexuelle, reproductive et maternelle

Cohort Writing Meeting

9-13 September 2024

Sunsquare Hotel, Cape Town

The Gender Transformation for Africa (GT4Africa) cohort brings together seven implementation research projects (2022–2025) across Ghana, Niger, Nigeria, The Gambia, Burkina Faso, Malawi, and South Africa. Supported by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), the cohort addresses critical gaps in gender-transformative approaches to sexual, reproductive, and maternal health (SRMH).

As part of this effort, the cohort has hosted a series of interactive webinars to strengthen capacity and foster collaboration. These sessions facilitate cross-project learning and knowledge exchange. The slides are from one of these events.



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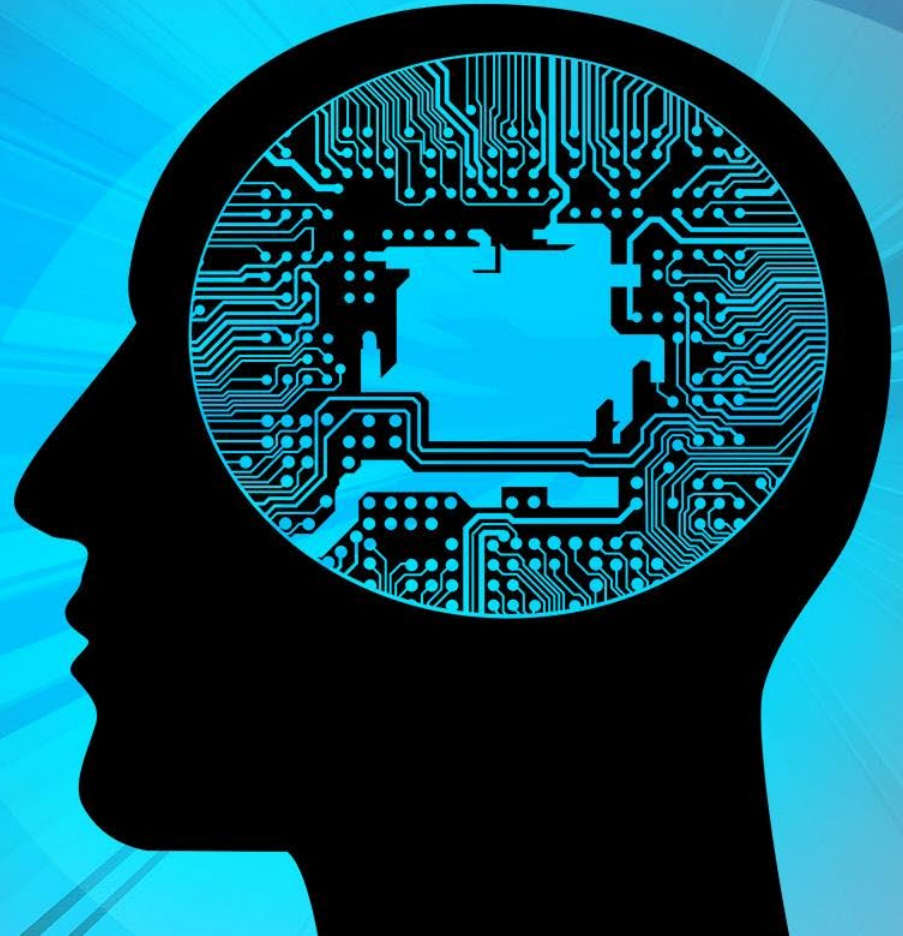


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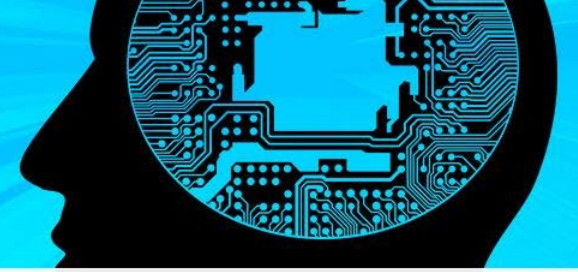


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The Discussion section

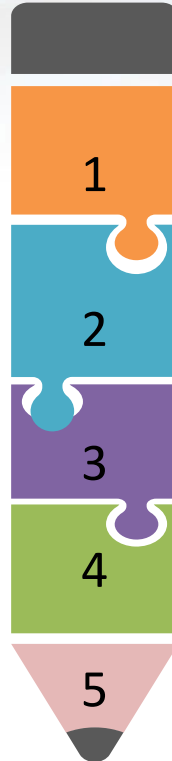


# Purpose and components



## Tells the reader

- Why the research results are Important
- Locate them in the context of Current evidence
- Critically appraise the limitations and strengths



## Components

Summary of key findings after reiterating the objectives/research questions

Interpretation: Place findings in the context of current evidence; the 'so what' of findings

Address limitations and weaknesses

Implications of your findings for policy, interventions, research

Link back to the introduction

# What to avoid in a discussion section



- Do not repeat all the results in this section.
- Do not draw conclusions that are not supported by your findings.
- Do not present new information.
- Do not cherry pick your findings. If your findings are counter-intuitive, do not gloss over them or fail to mention them. Discuss why or how this may have happened.

# Example of a discussion section



Let's look at the discussion section of the same article as for the introduction

# Sources referred/ useful resources



1. How to write a discussion section in a scientific paper. <https://www.scribbr.com/dissertation/discussion/>
2. 6 Steps to Write an Excellent Discussion in Your Manuscript. <https://scientific-publishing.webshop.elsevier.com/manuscript-preparation/steps-to-write-excellent-discussion-in-manuscript/>
3. Dunton R. Discussion section for research papers. San José State University Writing Center [www.sjsu.edu/writingcenter](http://www.sjsu.edu/writingcenter)



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