A range of guidelines and best practices have been developed that describe best practices in publication practice and clinical data reporting. Non-industry authors for 1 or more publications in the last 2 years

RESULTS

- Most publication planners and professional medical writers receive significant or full-service (including outline, drafts, copy edit) assistance. Fifty percent or more of respondents indicated that their institution has a specific policy regarding use of professional medical writers. A majority (77%) agreed that there is a role for professional medical writers in medical publications. High levels of satisfaction with professional medical writers were evident among respondents at all levels of service, including writing quality and 96% were very or extremely satisfied with

CONCLUSIONS

- Experiences with professional medical writers

- High levels of satisfaction among respondents

- Many respondents (27%-68%) were not familiar with 1 or more of the guidelines

- Researchers were asked to think of all of their experiences with professional medical writers, and (3) data reporting

DEFINITIONS

- A total of 287 authors were contacted (Table 2). Eighteen (6%) were not familiar with key guidelines governing good publication practice and clinical data reporting.

- More than 50% of respondents were not familiar with CONSORT, EMWA, and AMWA guidelines. Many respondents (27%-68%) were not familiar with the role of professional medical writers:

- The response rate was generally in line with what we have historically observed for this type of survey (52%-100% with a refusal rate of 5% or less)

- The list of authors was obtained from a single communications agency and may not be generalizable to the overall academic community

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