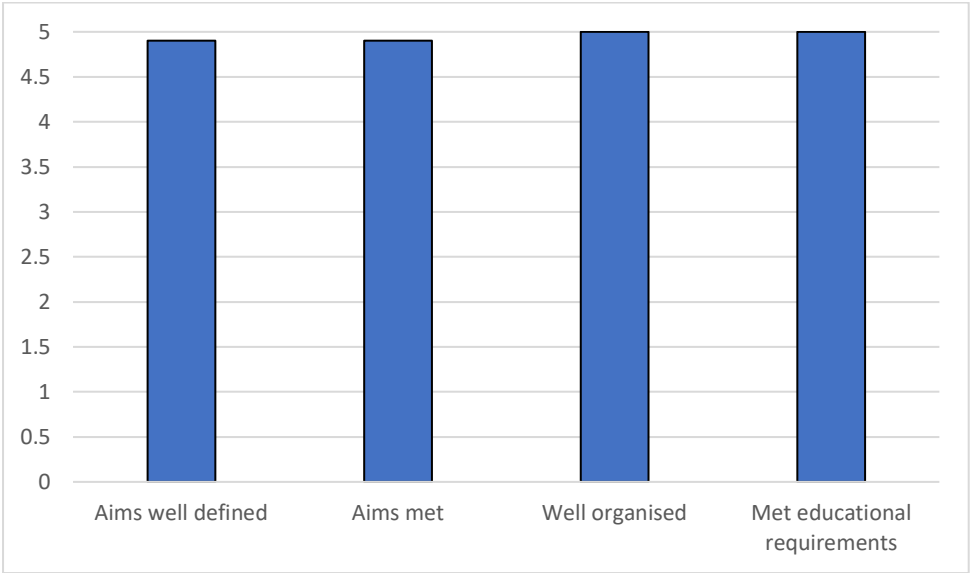


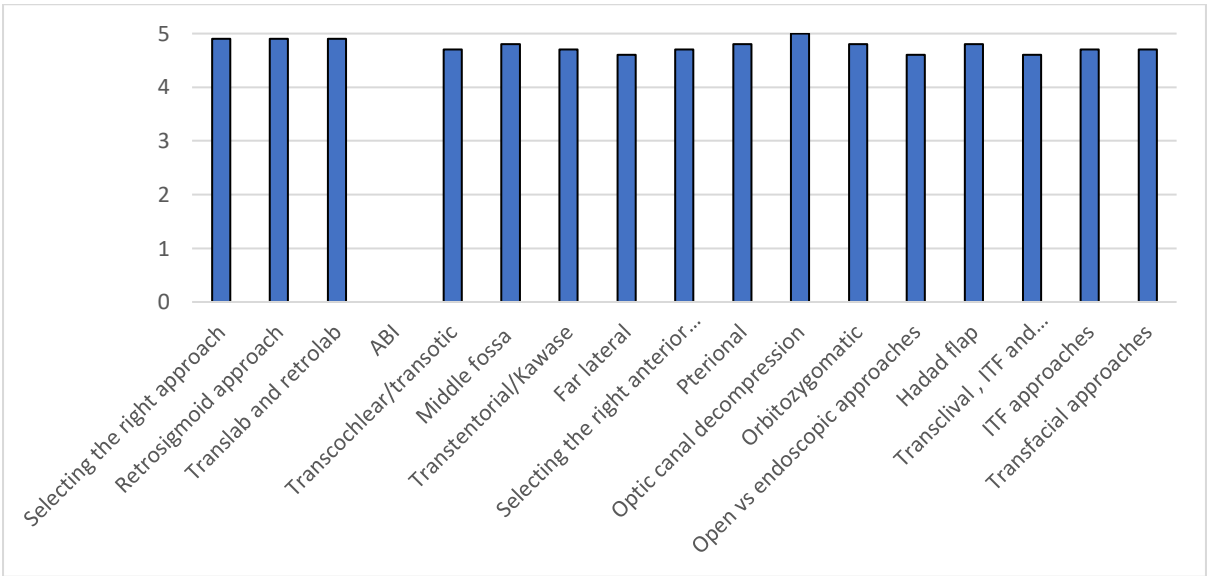
Manchester Skull Course Feedback 2024

General

1=poor; 5= excellent



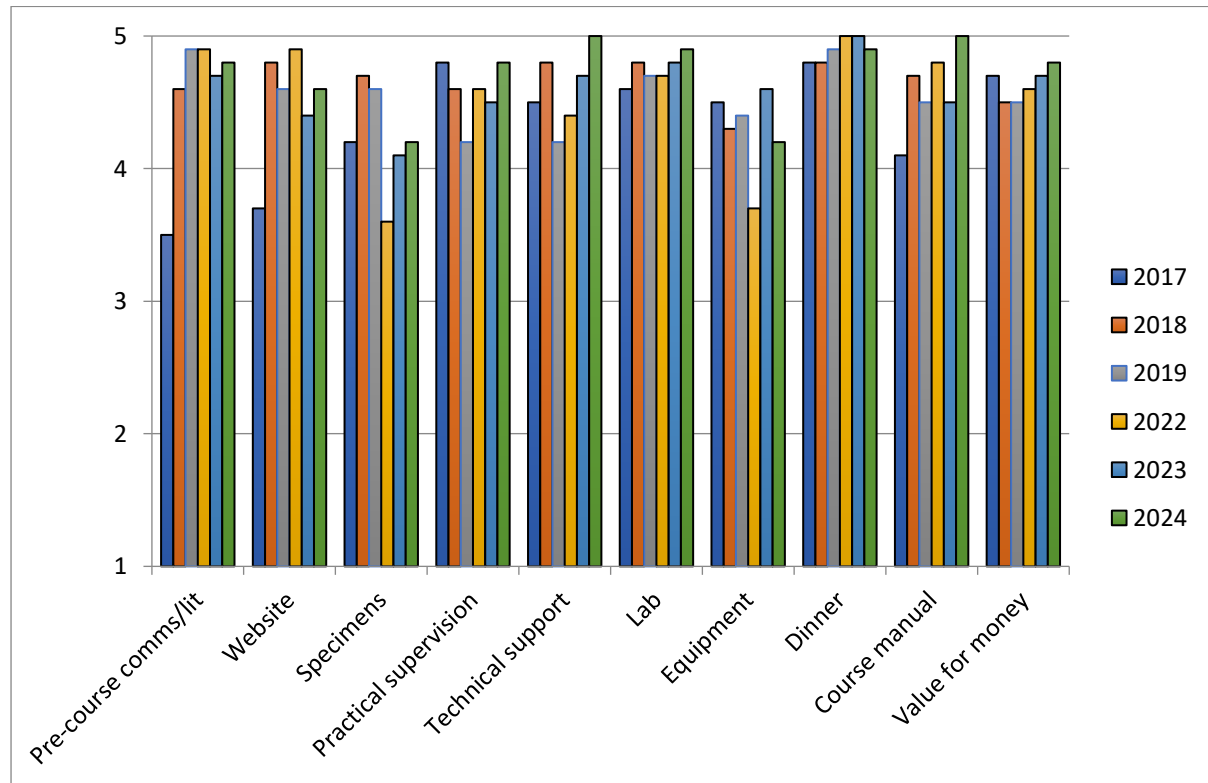
Lectures



Scores all excellent.

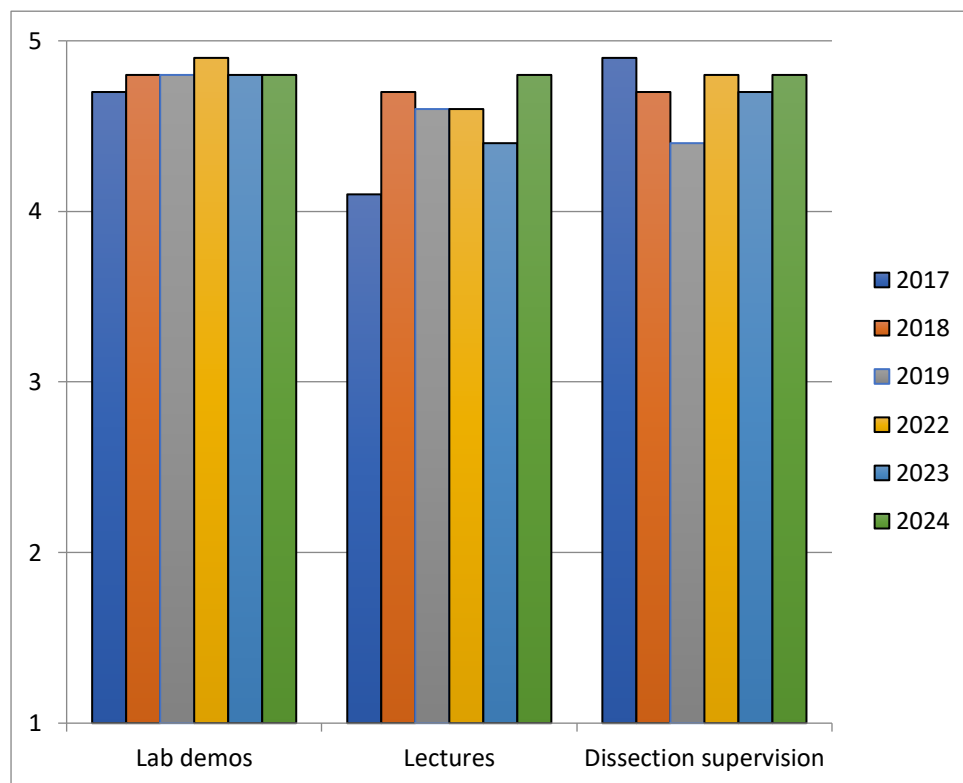
92% of delegates said the number of lectures was just right. 8% wanted more lectures. None wanted fewer lectures.

Course Organisation



- Generally high scores again this year. Specimens were criticised by a few people.
- I thought they were generally good but deteriorated towards the end of the week. I will ask the lab about alternative ways to prepare the specimens to try and preserve the specimens better. As before, I will give people the option to order injected heads if they wish although I suspect, given how expensive they are, that not many will go for it.
- The dinner was very successful again and I think we should leave the format and the timing as it is.
- We could do with updating the website but it is not desperate and given the budget was very tight this year I think we should leave this for now.
- The manual had a few positive comments and we need to develop this further with all the photos we took last year and eventually produce the textbook we have been talking about.
- The lab and technical support scored very highly

How Useful Were The Following Teaching Methods



Supervision generally scored well but again we lacked people on the ground on the Friday although the delegates didn't really comment on this this year.

Any teaching methods to enhance course

- Lots of comments about more video. It would be good to try and produce some video for all the approaches. The microscope and endoscope dissections are easy and we already have lots of video for these. We have videod the transfacial dissection this year. If we could try and video the non-microscope neurosurgical dissections next year that would be great. There is an excellent camera on the theatre light on the demo station for this purpose. It would also be good to develop a library of actual surgery to demonstrate the approaches
- I also think we could do more with models/simulators. Omar has some ideas on this. I have a temporal bone simulator that we can use.
- I think having faculty dedicated to certain stations would work well
- Case based discussions around approaches to certain regions might enhance the course. This might be best after open vs endoscopic lecture or selecting the right approach lecture
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Anything we should do differently

- Some complaints about the microscopes. Zeiss may be replacing their microscopes this year which will make a big difference
- We could do with some size 9 Fraser suckers for the temporal bone dissections.

- Several delegates (and the lab staff) have said that day 4 is too long. I have asked Raj and Omar to look at the programme and aim to finish at 17:30.

Strengths

- So much
- Outstanding course run by outstanding people
- Interaction
- Lab
- Excellent/Amazing faculty x7
- Opportunity for networking
- Lectures followed by dissection
- Equipment
- Course dinner
- 360 dissection definitely helps reinforce anatomical understanding x2
- Unique
- As detailed as needed
- Theory
- Comprehensive coverage of skull base

Weaknesses

- None
- Fatigue by day 5 x2
- Day 4 a bit slow. Lots of watching people drill. Better to pre-dissection and then demo
- Not enough time to explore rarer approaches
- Rushed dissection in some cases

How did you find the course

- Website x2
- Word of mouth x7
- AOT
- Manchester observership

Further comments

- Thank you so much
- Great learning experience
- Thank you. A fantastic course that has improved my knowledge base and technical skill
- Great course x2
- Unparalleled comprehensiveness. Learnt loads. Thanks
- Thank you so much
- Huge thanks to the extremely helpful team and for maintaining positive energy
- Expand to include craniofacial/H&N and invite OMFS

- Should publish manual as textbook
- Many thanks for organising this one of a kind course