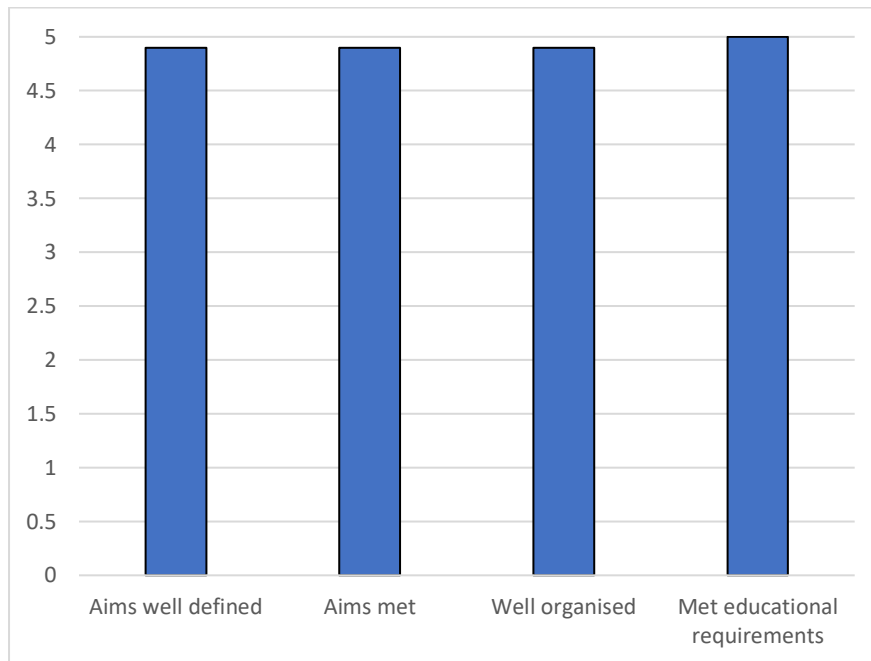


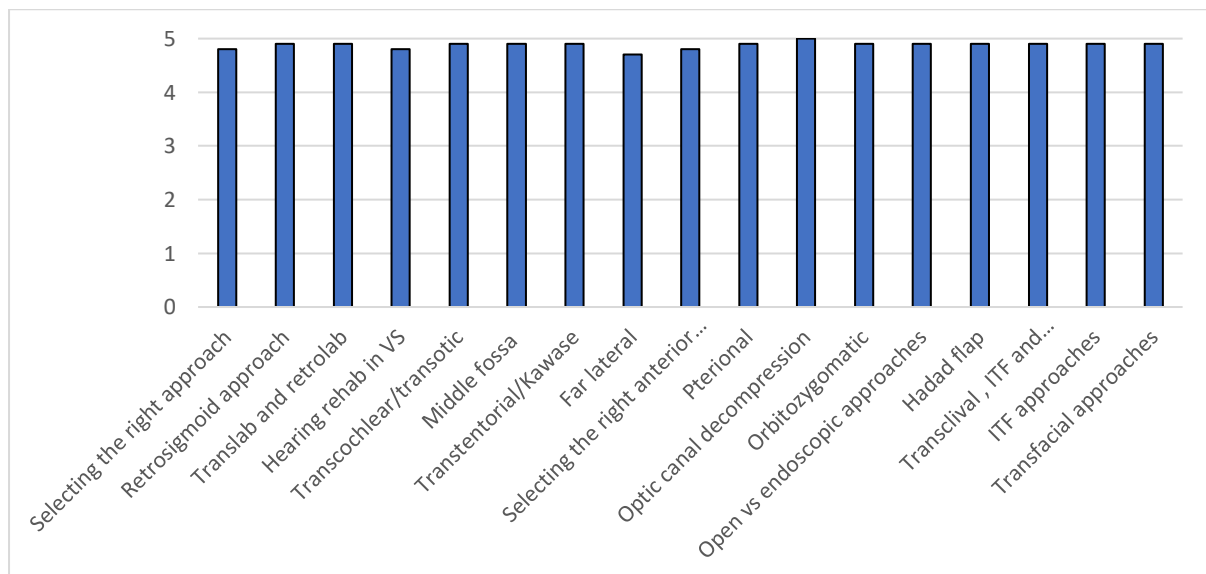
Manchester Skull Course Feedback 2025

General

1=poor; 5= excellent



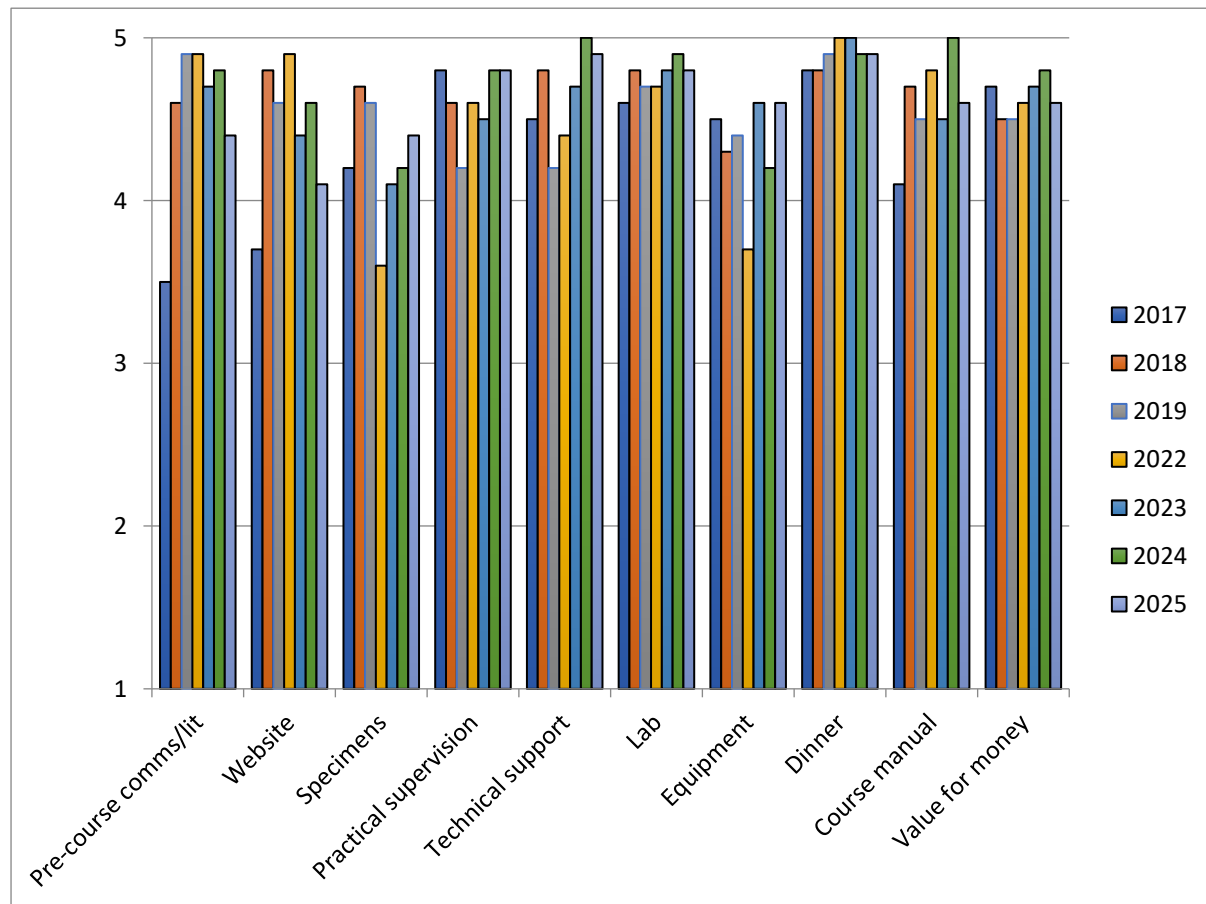
Lectures



Scores all excellent.

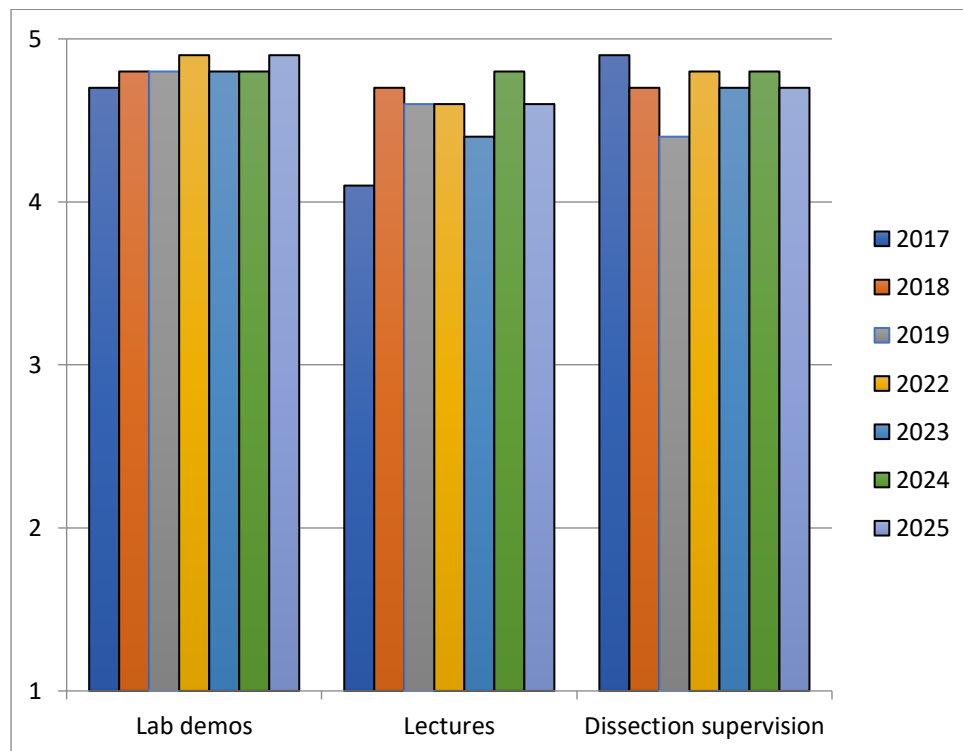
75% of delegates said the number of lectures was just right. 25% wanted more lectures. None wanted fewer lectures.

Course Organisation



- Generally high scores again this year
- Pre-course material didn't score brilliantly but I'm not sure why. I emailed them in advance with all the info and sent them a digital version of the textbook
- Some criticism of specimens which was also an issue last year. Could still do with some kind of preservation if it doesn't affect the quality of the tissues. Some asked for injection. As previously discussed we could offer extra fee for injected heads if they want although I suspect, given how expensive they are, that not many will go for it.
- The website scores weren't great but that has since been replaced with a new much better website
- The dinner was very successful again. I wondered about having the next one elsewhere eg. Manchester Museum or at Old Trafford. If we are asking the Norwegian team, Jeanette is a big Old Trafford fan
- The manual still needs completing, especially the transfacial approaches and the endoscopic section. This will be addressed by next year if we sort out the book
- The lab and technical support scored well as always
- A few people asked for edited videos which I think would be good
- The lab demos were really popular. Lectures slightly less so but I think they are necessary. And they all scored well. They could be improved by more stepwise descriptions of the techniques and include some videos
- Should we include transorbital neurosurgical approaches?

How Useful Were The Following Teaching Methods



Supervision generally scored well and the delegates seemed happy.

Any teaching methods to enhance course

- Lots of comments about more video again. We do have some video and I will look through all that when editing the textbook. As mentioned last year, it would also be good to develop a library of actual surgery to demonstrate the approaches
- 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

Anything we should do differently

- Some complaints about the microscopes. Zeiss are 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
- The shorter day 4 worked well

Strengths

- Comprehensive
- ENT/NS perspective
- Very recommended

- Excellent
- Short specific lectures, demonstrations followed by much dissection
- Volume of dissection
- Lab demonstrations invaluable - Most important aspect of course
- Option of sharing a cadaver with neurosurgical colleague
- Lots of hands on dissection time
- Right faculty/delegate ratio
- Excellent kit
- 360 degree approach
- Great faculty and breadth
- The length. Ability to approach skull base from any angle is amazing
- I think it is just perfectly organised
- Collaboration between specialties
- The experience and communication skills of the faculty
- You were all open and helpful during the dissections. You have great experience
- Right mix of ENT and neuro faculty
- Good quality specimens. One head per person/team

Weaknesses

- Specimens decay over time
- Expensive but worth the money due to the quality
- Longer focal length microscopes
- None x2
- Price
- Transorbital skull base approaches
- Specimens were good for bony approach work. May be could be better for intracranial dissection

How did you find the course

- Online x7
- Word of mouth x7
- Local unit
- NASBS lecture advert

Further comments

- Wonderful course
- Thank you for an amazing teaching experience
- Excellent course. I will come back
- Thank you!
- Really wonderful course, really enjoyed the option of sharing a dissection with a neurosurgical colleague
- Overall 10/10. Will be back next year. Thank you!

- Excellent coverage of all approaches
- As a neurosurgeon the transfacial approaches and dissections were very well guided
- Overall excellent
- It was difficult to pay for the course from America. Paypal/credit card link would be easier
- I had a great time in Manchester. All I learned will be useful in my practice