1. Background information

* 1. I am a:

* 2. To which medical school do you belong:

3. If applicable, to which clinical school do you belong?

* 4. How valuable do you think a journal club is to the education of medical students?

1 - Not valuable	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - Extremely valuable
○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

5. How effective do you think a journal club is at teaching research skills?

1 - Not valuable	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - Extremely valuable
○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

* 6. Should journal club attendance be compulsory for medical students?

- ○ Yes
- ○ Maybe
- ○ No

* 7. To the best of your knowledge do your medical students partake in a journal club?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No
- ○ Unsure

2. Your medical schools journal club

* 8. Is the journal club:

- ◯ Student lead
- ◯ Clinician lead
- ◯ Other (please specify)

* 9. At what time during the medical school course do students partake?*(You may select more than one option if applicable)*

- ☐ Throughout medical school
- ☐ In the pre-clinical years
- ☐ During the clinical years
- ☐ During a compulsory research term
- ☐ During final year
- ☐ Other (please specify)

* 10. At what time during the medical school course should students partake?

- ◯ Throughout medical school
- ◯ In the pre-clinical years
- ◯ During the clinical years
- ◯ During a compulsory research term
- ◯ During final year
- ◯ Never

* 11. Who runs the journal club?

- ◯ University
- ◯ Student association
- ◯ Clinical School
- ◯ Specific hospital department(s)
- ◯ Other (please specify)

* 12. Is the journal club mandatory?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ Unsure
- ◯ No

* 13. What is the primary aim of your journal club? *(Please select one answer)*

- ◯ My medical school does not have a journal club
- ◯ Develop critical appraisal skills
- ◯ Encouraging an appreciation of research
- ◯ Keeping students abreast of new research
- ◯ Teaching students biostatistics and epidemiology
- ◯ A forum to discuss and debate medical topics using evidence
- ◯ A forum to disseminate information relating to good practice
- ◯ Other (please specify)

14. What do you think is the purpose of a Journal Club for medical school students?*(You may select more then one answer)*

- ◯ Critical appraisal skills development
- ◯ Encourage an appreciation of research
- ◯ Keep students abreast of new research
- ◯ Teach biostatistics and epidemiology
- ◯ A way to disseminate information relating to good practice
- ◯ A way to encourage discussion and debate of medical topics using evidence

15. How important is it that the following research skills are attained by students during their medical degree?

	Not at all 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Very much 10
Critical evaluation of evidence and research	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Understanding of biostatistics and epidemiology	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Understanding the research method	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

16. Do you have any other comments you would like to make regarding the use of journal clubs as a learning tool in a medical course?