

WEEK 3: How do we measure health of populations

Question for all students relating to the paper by Maher (2010).

- 1. What kind of paper is this?**
- 2. The number of CVD deaths in Uganda in 2004 was approx. 34,000. Calculate the crude death rate per 100 000. Compare this with the age standardised death rate.**
- 3. Compare this with the age standardised death rate in table 1. Why is it different? What would you expect for other countries?**
- 4. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of using crude death rates and age standardised in estimating the burden of disease in different countries.**
- 5. The data in the paper is based on six countries and only on death rates. Discuss the limitations of such an approach for comparing the burden of cardiovascular disease and the quality of care in Africa and Europe.**