

EVALUATION OF A WEB-BASED COURSE ON CANCER CONTROL

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BACKGROUND

- ❖ In Brazil, a recent survey reports that more than 60% of health care professionals identify education needs in fundamentals of cancer control and prevention.
- ❖ Restrictions in resources availability for broadening the access to education in cancer control in Brazil had led to search for alternative, more time and cost-effective approaches of education for cancer control.
- ❖ One of them is distance learning. Its benefits are well proven.
- ❖ Major advantages include: flexibility, accessibility and no waste of time.
- ❖ Considering the size of the country and resources restrictions Brazilian National Cancer Institute (INCA) launch an alternative approach to broaden their teaching options: a Web-based distant course for non-specialist health professionals and students in cancer control.

OBJECTIVES

The objective of this work was to evaluate the acquisition of knowledge by the participants and to assess their satisfaction with the on-line training.

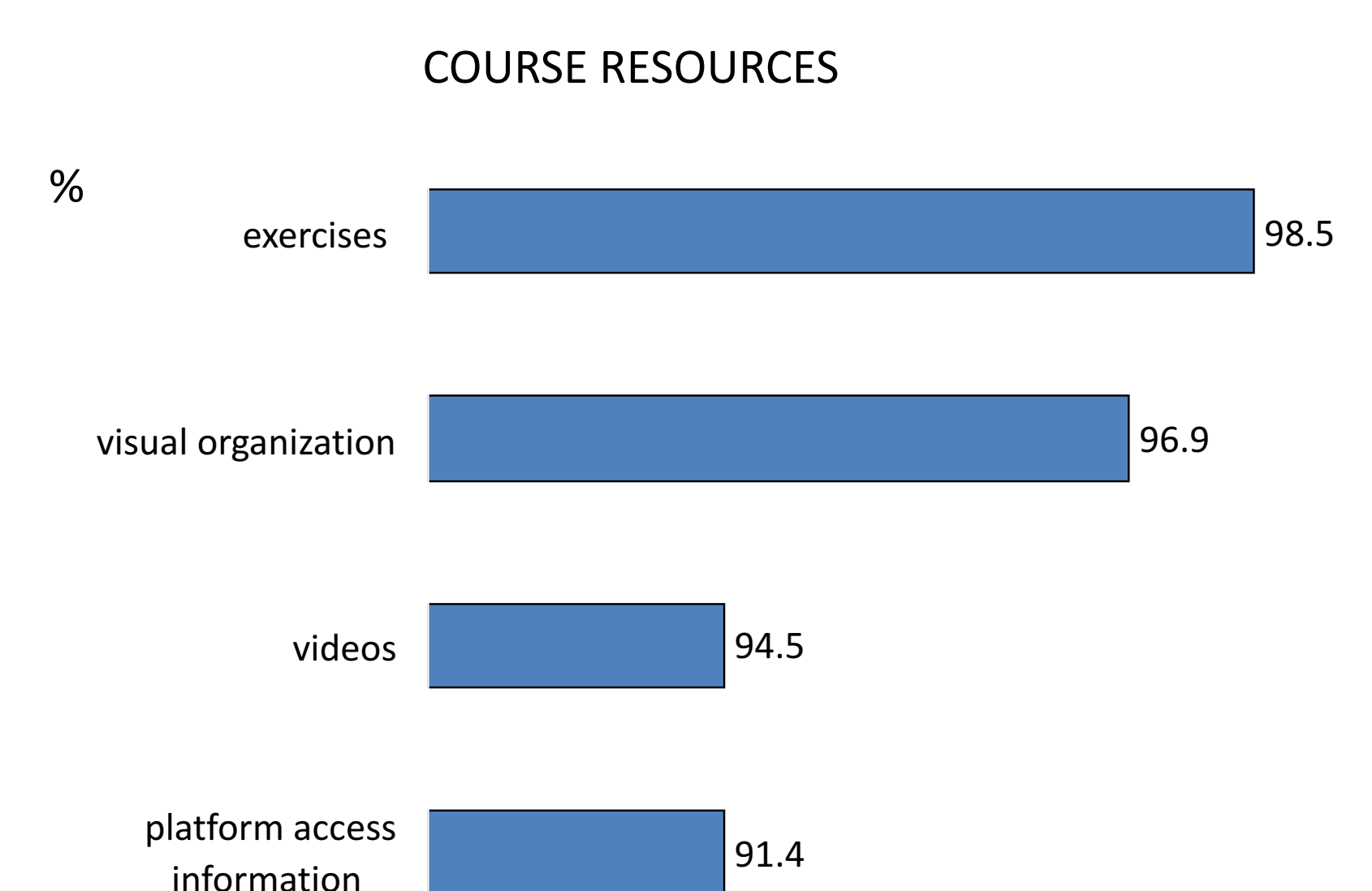
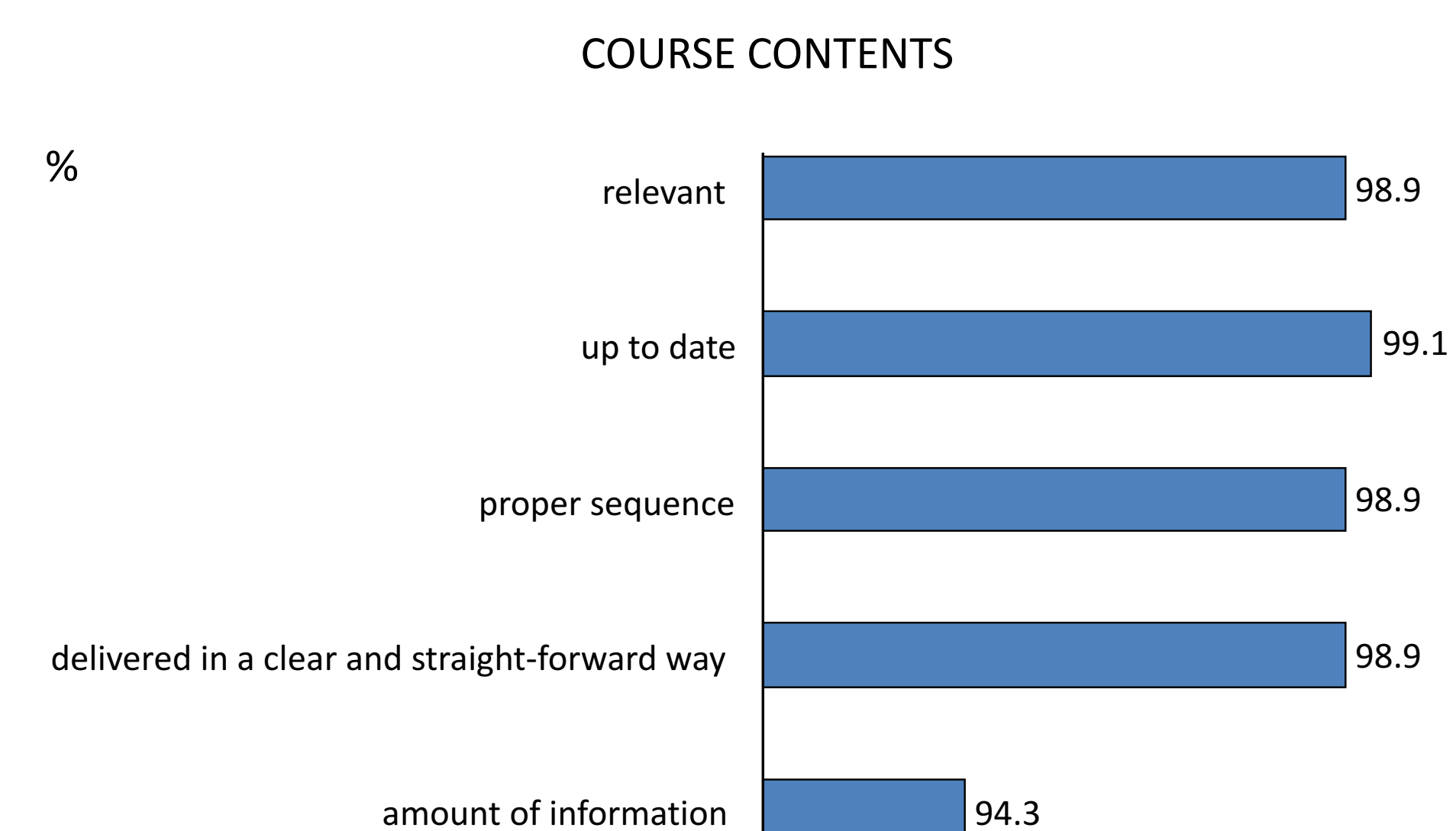
THE COURSE

- ❖ The course is named "ABC of cancer" – ABC is the acronym for Basic Approaches to the Cancer Control in Portuguese.
- ❖ It's a 30 hour self-study course, without the help of a tutor.
- ❖ The objective of the course is to identify the cancer as a public health problem in Brazil and describe major actions and control policies.
- ❖ The course intent to teach nonspecialists health professionals and students the basic principles of cancer control.
- ❖ The course covers basic concepts of cancer, magnitude of the problem, prevention, early detection, diagnosis, treatment, palliative care, and the principles of integrated care delivery and cancer control policies.
- ❖ The Course is free of charge.

RESULTS

- ❖ Since its start (July, 2011) up to this point (June, 2013) over 38,000 students were enrolled in the course and 21,000 received a certificate after successful completion of all steps required.
- ❖ The course was highly evaluated by the majority of participants.
- ❖ The course contributed to almost all participants' personal and professional growth and they would recommend the course to others.

COURSE EVALUATION RESULTS



CONCLUSION

- ❖ The course "ABC of cancer" enhances health care professionals and students' knowledge in cancer control.
- ❖ The overall satisfaction with the course is very good for most participants.
- ❖ The acceptability of this course encouraged and motivated the creation of a Spanish version.

Enrollment to the course:
<http://www.inca.gov.br>
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