

**ZH3AFRICA KIDNEY DISEASE RESEARCH NETWORK**  
**MONTHLY STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**November 19, 2025**



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**Attendees:** Dr. Dwomoa Adu, Angelica Allen, Dr. Agwai Imaria, Prof Bamidele Tayo, Prof. Timothy Olanrewaju, Prof. Oluwatoyin Amira Prof. David T. Burk, Prof. Santosh Saraf, Jovanka Vasilevska, Dr. Manmak Memven, Prof. Ogochukwu Okoye, Dr. Bolanle Aderonke Omotosho

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**Regrets:** Prof. Akinlolu Ojo, Prof. Ifeoma Ulasi, Dr. Debo Ademola

**1. Phase II Projects – Sickle Cell Anaemia and Childhood Nephrotic Syndrome-**

- The DNA samples have been sent to Professors Tayo Bamidele and Santosh Saraf in Chicago for the sickle cell anaemia study genotyping.
- We have not started genotyping for the childhood nephrotic syndrome study, but we have most of the DNA except for Kano and South Africa.

**2. Cohort Study-**

- We are still expecting feedback from Jeff Hodjin to update the "others" diagnosis group in the monthly enrollment report.
- The cohort study monthly enrollment reporting team is in the process of updating the B6 follow-up visit numbers in the enrollment report.
- The cohort study B6 follow-up visit window is scheduled to close on the 31st of March 2026, while data cleaning continues across all the centers.
- The clinical centers were encouraged to get more cohort study participants for the B6 follow-up visit before April next year.

**3. New Grant Proposals-**

- We are hoping to get funding from the European Union and other potential funding organizations in the United Kingdom.
- Dr. Dwomoa is in close contact with potential collaborators, including a biostatistician and consultant nephrologist in both Germany and Amsterdam.
- Activities are underway to get the new grant proposals titled “**environmental determinants of CKD**” and the “**genetic determinants of young CKD**” developed and submitted by March 2026.

**4. Committee and Working Group Reports-**

- The manuscript, entitled "**Recruitment and Retention of Participants in Clinical Research in Africa: Experience from the H3Africa Kidney Disease Research Network**" will be submitted by the end of this year, 2025.
- The processing of data requests is still the top priority for the data working group.
- The manuscript for the childhood nephrotic syndrome study requires approval from some members of the committee.

- The scope of data requested by the University of Michigan will be worked out by Drs. Akinlolu Ojo and Dwomoa Adu.
- **Next Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, January 7, 2026.**