

**H3AFRICA KIDNEY DISEASE RESEARCH NETWORK
MONTHLY STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
March 4, 2026**



Attendees: Dr. Dwomoa Adu, Dr. Bolanle Omotosho, Prof Bamidele Tayo, Dr. Agwai Imaria, Tomas Mauricio, Dr. Manmak Memven, Prof. Santosh Saraf, Prof. Santosh Saraf, Prof. Muhammad Makusidi, Bradley Godfery, Jovanka Vasileska, Prof. Ogochukwu Okoye, Prof. Timothy Olanrewaju, Angelica Allen, Dr. Rulan Parekh, Dr. Debo Ademola, Prof. Samuel Ajayi

Regrets:

Prof. Akinlolu Ojo, Prof. Ifeoma Ulasi, Prof. Oluwatoyin Amira

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

- The DNA samples for the childhood nephrotic syndrome study are currently at Loyola University. The genotyping will take place at the University of Illinois, Chicago.
- Data cleaning for the sickle cell study laboratory results is currently in progress.

2. Cohort Study-

- The monthly enrolment report is being converted from HTML to Word format in order to improve its accessibility.
- There will be an update to the death summary report for some sites to reflect the correct death percentages.
- Some of our clinical centers need to update participant assignment data in REDCap. Angelica Allen will send the study participants' identification numbers to the respective sites in the coming week.
- For your review, the cohort study B6 follow-up visit is now listed in the monthly enrolment report.
- Discrepancies between the reported B6 visit numbers and the data entries in REDCap will be updated.
- There will be a meeting this week between members of the H3AfricaKDRN data working group and Dr. Jeff Hodgins regarding the "others diagnoses" biopsy report.

3. New Grant Proposals-

- Professor Vincent Boima and Dr. Yemi Raji are currently working on the grant proposal titled "***Environmental Determinants of Chronic Kidney Disease***".
- Dr. Dwomoa Adu is currently working on the grant proposal titled "***Genetic Determinants of Young CKD***". The draft proposal will also be reviewed by Dr. Yemi Raji.

- At the next H3AfricaKDRN steering committee meeting, professors Tayo Bamidele and Santosh Saraf will share their ideas regarding the sickle cell anaemia study grant proposal.
- Currently, Angelica Allen is working with Dr. Rulan Parekh's team to review the available data before finalizing the new grant proposal for the childhood nephrotic syndrome study.
- The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is considering funding international proposals. The funding opportunity title: PA-26-002: NIH Collaborative International Research Project (Parent PF5 Clinical Trial Optional) is available on the NIH website.
- Several collaboration opportunities may exist in the future between the H3AfricaKDRN clinical centers and pharmaceutical companies to conduct clinical trials on Nephrotic Syndrome.
- Clinical centers are encouraged to strengthen their readiness for potential collaborations on clinical trial projects.

4. Committee and Working Group Reports-

- Kidney Medicine is currently reviewing the manuscript submitted by the Recruitment and Retention Committee.
- As a means of encouraging the production of manuscripts, previously assigned manuscript titles will be shared with the site's principal investigators for consideration and publication.
- There will be a committee formed to review and finalize the H3AfricaKDRN data use agreement in order to meet current data requests.

5. Data Access for H3AfricaKDRN-PARASOL APOL1 Collaboration –

- The PARASOL APOL1-H3AfricaKDRN collaboration request is expected to be processed after the proposed committee has completed its revision of the H3AfricaKDRN data use agreement.

6. Questions/Comments – H3Africa Steering Committee

- The H3AfricaKDRN clinical sites were encouraged to review the NIH's new application structure for international collaborations.
- Dr. Dwomoa Adu, on behalf of the H3Africa Kidney Disease Research Consortium, formally conveyed congratulations to Professor Samuel Ajayi on the conferment of his professorship and to Dr. Debo Ademola on his promotion to the rank of Reader at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria.

Next Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, April 8, 2026.