

**H3AFRICA KIDNEY DISEASE RESEARCH NETWORK  
MONTHLY STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING  
April 8, 2026**



**Attendees:** Prof. Akinlolu Ojo, Dr. Dwomoa Adu, Prof Bamidele Tayo, Prof. Ifeoma Ulasi, Prof. Samuel Ajayi, Prof. Oluwatoyin Amira, Dr. Jisieke Onuigbo, Dr. Agwai Imaria, Dr. Charlotte Osafo, Dr. Manmak Memven, Dr. Rulan Parekh, Dr. Yemi Raji, Angelica Allen, Prof. Muhammad Makusidi, Dr. Debo Ademola, Prof. Timothy Olanrewaju

**Regrets:**

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

- The sickle cell study's genotyping is currently in progress.

**2. Cohort Study-**

- The H3AfricaKDRN data working group will make sure that each cohort study participant is appropriately assigned to either the GN or CKD arm by using the information "biopsy done" or "biopsy not done" at visit 3.
- Angelica will ensure that all follow-up data entered into the REDCap database is associated with the correct study arm.

**3. New Grant Proposals-**

- Professor Vincent Boima and Dr. Yemi Raji are in the process of developing the grant proposal titled "**Environmental Determinants of Chronic Kidney Disease**".
- Dr. Dwomoa Adu is working on the grant proposal titled "**Genetic Determinants of Young CKD**". In addition, Dr. Yemi Raji will review the draft proposal.
- An update will be provided on the sickle cell anaemia study grant proposal upon completion of laboratory results data cleaning.
- With continued progress in data cleaning, the paediatric nephrology team will proceed to finalize the marker paper and thereafter develop a grant proposal for the childhood nephrotic syndrome study.
- Several collaboration opportunities may emerge in the future between the H3AfricaKDRN clinical centers and pharmaceutical companies to conduct clinical trials on nephrotic syndrome.
- Dr. Rulan Parekh and her team of investigators will meet to develop approaches for engaging pharmaceutical companies and highlighting the successful conduct of nephrotic syndrome clinical trials in West Africa.

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

- Kidney Medicine has requested further corrections after reviewing the manuscript submitted by the H3AfricaKDRN recruitment and retention committee.

- A meeting of the H3AfricaKDRN investigators, chaired by Rulan Parekh, was held at the World Congress of Nephrology 2026 in Yokohama, Japan.
- Dr. Yemi Raji presented the outcomes of the meeting at Yokohama to the steering committee, with the key highlight being that four publication ideas were identified by the group.
- The proposals developed by the writing group will be presented to the manuscript and publication committee on behalf of the H3AfricaKDRN.
- The newly constituted writing group will review the previously assigned manuscript titles to assess their current relevance, potential impact, and likelihood of publication in relevant peer-reviewed journals.
- In light of the completion of follow-up visits for the cohort study, Prof. Akinlolu Ojo will facilitate the provision of statistical support required for the preparation and publication of new manuscripts by the committee.
- Prof. Akinlolu Ojo also emphasized to the committee the importance of clinical centers updating participant visit dates in REDCap, as these are essential for longitudinal data analysis.
- Prof. Tayo Bamidele reminded the new writing group to ensure that study design is carefully considered when developing proposals for publication review and subsequent data requests.
- Dr. Rulan Parekh noted the importance of the writing group adhering to the timelines allocated for each stage of manuscript development.
- The data management team will hold a Zoom meeting with the H3Africa Abuja site data entry team to resolve issues related to missing data.

#### **5. Data Access for H3AfricaKDRN-PARASOL APOL1 Collaboration –**

- A summary dataset will be shared with PARASOL in place of individual-level data, ensuring that only aggregated information is provided in line with data sharing and privacy requirements.
- Prof. Tayo Bamidele will initiate an email discussion with selected members of the manuscript and publication committee to support the development of an internal policy guiding data sharing and data use agreements.

#### **6. Questions/Comments – H3Africa Steering Committee**

**Next Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, May 6, 2026.**