



INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD (IRB)

APPOINTMENT AND COMPOSITION

The present Institutional Review Board (IRB) was inaugurated on 30th April, 2012 by the Director-General, Prof. I.A.O. Ujah. The Board has fifteen (15) members with Prof. F. E. Okonofua as the Chairman. The table below depicts the composition of the Board:

LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

S/N	Names	Earned degree(s)	M/ F	Profession	Organization	Position on Board
1.	Prof. F. E. Okonofua	MD, Ph.D	M	Gynaecologist & Obstetrician	University of Benin, Edo.	Member /Chairman
2.	Dr. O. C. Ezechi	MD, MPHSc	M	Gynaecologist & Obstetrician	NIMR	Member /Vice Chairman
3.	Prof. Wellington Oyibo	Ph.D	M	Parasitologist and Bioethicist	College of Medicine, University of Lagos.	Member
4.	Mr. S. T. Abolarinwa	M.Sc	M	Librarian and Bioethicist	NIMR	Member
5.	Dr. O. P. Akinwale	Ph.D	F	Parasitologist	NIMR	Member
6.	Ms. Olayide Akanni	M.Sc	F	Journalist/ Community Advocate	Journalists Against AIDS (JAAIDS)	Member
7.	Barr. Olatunde Daudu	L.LB	M	Lawyer	Olatunde Daudu & Co, Okota, Isolo.	Member
8.	Dr. R. A. Audu	Ph.D	F	Virologist	NIMR	Member
9.	Alh. A. S. Yunusazazzau	MPA	M	Administrator	NIMR	Member
10.	Mrs. A. Z. Musa	M.Sc, PhD	F	Biostatistician	NIMR	Member
11.	Dr. N. David	MD	F	Paediatrician	NIMR	Member
12.	Msgr. P. Nwaezeapu		M	Clergy	Catholic Church of Divine Mercy, Lekki, Lagos	Member
13.	Dr. C. C. Onubogu	Ph.D	F	Microbiologist	NIMR	Member
14.	Mrs. O. A. Nwogbe	MIS	F	Information Scientist	NIMR	Member /Admin. Secretary
15.	Mr. A. K. Adeneye	M.Phil	M	Sociologist	NIMR	Member /Asst. Secretary

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The Desk Officer of the Board: Mrs. N. A. Ako-Okoli B.A.(Hons)

VISION:

- To promote high ethical standards and ensure that the rights, health and welfare of potential research participants are protected; as well as guide researchers in conducting sound ethical research.

MISSION:

- To ensure that research conducted in the Institute and the health sector is independently reviewed in a fair and consistent manner;
- To review protocols to ensure ethical conduct of research;
- To develop ethical guidelines/principles for conduct of research and protection of human research subject;
- To conduct or organize training workshops and seminars to build capacity of IRB members and other researchers in research ethics and methodologies.

REGISTRATION WITH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL BODIES

The Board is registered with:

1. The Office of Human Research Protection (OHRP), USA.
2. The Federal Wide Assurance (FWA), USA.
3. National Health Research Ethics Committee (NHREC), Nigeria.

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

The NIMR-Institutional Review Board Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) comprise of the following:

- i. Constituting Institutional Review Boards
- ii. Management of Protocol Submission
- iii. Review of Application Protocol
- iv. Review of Medical Device Study
- v. Clinical Trial
- vi. Indemnity for Research Training and Continuing Education of Members and Personnel in Ethics
- vii. Report of Monitoring Visits
- viii. Adverse Event Reporting Procedures

MEETINGS

Statutory meetings were held to discuss issues on health research, research protocols, review process, approved protocol and ratifications of protocols. Three statutory meetings were held in 2014.

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PROTOCOLS

A total number of forty-five (45) proposals were submitted to the Board in the year 2014. These protocols range from projects from NIMR and Multinational projects to Students projects.

Among these protocols, Forty (40) were approved, four (4) were dropped and one (1) was modified. All the protocols are listed below:

List of approved and expunged protocols for 2014

Protocol No	Title	Date Received	Date Approved	Status
IRB/14/241	In-country validation and evaluation of SAMBA Point-of-Care Qualitative and Semi-Quantitative assays for early infant diagnosis and viral load monitoring of HIV-1 infection in Nigeria	17/12/13	28/05/14	Approved
IRB/14/242	Acceptance and Commitment therapy in the Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV Program Among Pregnant Women Living with HIV in South West States of Nigeria	16/01/14	27/02/14	Approved
IRB/14/244	Feeding options, Antiretroviral drug intake and their impact on the Anthropometric Status of HIV exposed young children (0-18 months) in a pMTC Programme, Yaba, Lagos	05/02/14	12/06/14	Approved
IRB/14/245	Circulating subtypes of HIV1 in Lagos, Nigeria and determination of their chemokine receptors usage	10/02/14	08/04/14	Approved
IRB/14/246	Mystery Client Survey of Proprietary Patent Medicine Vendors (PPMVs) in Benue, Abia, and Nasarawa states, Nigeria	11/02/14	08/04/14	Approved
IRB/14/247	Census of Proprietary Patent Medicine Vendors (PPMVs) in Benue and Kebbi States, Nigeria.	11/02/14	11/03/14	Approved