

# Review of: "Responsible Governance of Genomics Data and Biospecimens in the Context of Broad Consent: Experiences of a Pioneering Access Committee in Africa"

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The paper describes exciting work done under the H3A funding on regulation and access to genomic data and biospecimens in Africa. The paper describes the formation of Data and Biospecimen Access Committees (DBAC) that adjudicated access to data and biospecimens. This paper provides an excellent description of the study experience and potential solutions to creating DBACs in Africa. Many centres could learn from the experience of this study.

The authors highlight pertinent issues such as the collaborations with African institutions and benefits to the community that donated the specimens. This should perhaps be an important component of reviews, especially when the requests are from commercial companies.

It would be exciting to find out if there was any more work done after the closure of the funding round and if the DBAC survived. Sustainability should be an important component of the DBACs. Can these be maintained outside of the research setting or grant funding?