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## RESEARCH

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| Interests | Religion · Bioethics · Health |
| Areas | Sociology and Political Science · Education · Health · Infectious Diseases · Religious studies · Parasitology |

## RESEARCH SUMMARY

| 51 | 145 | 7 | 4 | 1.10 | 13% |
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| Publications | Citations | h-index | i10-index | Field-weighted impact | World top 10% |

Counted from the 51 publications listed below, 1995–2026. Field-weighted impact is the mean over the 32 works scored for it; 1.00 is the world average for works of the same field, type and year. 4 of the 32 papers scored for it are among the world's most cited tenth for their field, type and year.

## POSITIONS

**Research assistant** 2019–present
Filariasis Project, Kumasi Centre for Collaborative Research in Tropical Medicine, Kumasi, Ghana

## EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

**MPhil. Clinical Microbiology**
Clinical Microbiology, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana

## PUBLICATIONS

### Journal articles 48

1. Monica Ahiadorme, Ute Klarmann-Schulz, Bettina Dubben, Jennifer Nadal, Patricia Jebett Korir, Kenneth Pfarr, Janina M. Kuehlwein, Franziska Lenz-Plet, Arcangelo Ricchiuto, Emmanuel Donawobuge Kutu, … **John Opoku** and 17 others (2026). Assessing the efficacy of high-dose rifampicin plus albendazole against onchocerciasis. *PLoS neglected tropical diseases*. https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pntd.0014594
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10. Derrick Adu Mensah, Vera Serwaa Opoku, John Boateng, **John Opoku**, Jubin Osei-Mensah, Charles Gyasi, Prince Obeng, Monica Ahiadorme, Prince Dennis Atisu, Emmanuel Donawobuge Kutu, Inge Kroidl, Ute Klarmann-Schulz, Achim Hoerauf, Linda Batsa Debrah, Alexander Yaw Debrah (2025). Changes in circulating filarial antigen status in previously positive individuals: Lessons for treatment monitoring and pre-transmission assessment surveys. *PLoS neglected tropical diseases*. https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pntd.0012802
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