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Interval lengths and barriers to care for breast cancer patients from population-based cancer registries in selected African countries

My study aims to analyze the time intervals between breast cancer diagnosis and treatment initiation, as well as identify barriers to timely treatment in selected African countries. I will use population-based cancer registries (AFCRN) to collect data on these time intervals and factors contributing to treatment delays. The research will be conducted in collaboration with local health authorities and cancer registries.

The methodology involves collecting socio-demographic and clinical data from breast cancer patients in eight cancer registries, conducting telephone follow-ups for survival status and patient-reported barriers, also using a questionnaire to assess self-reported barriers to guideline-compliant treatment initiation. This study will provide valuable insights into the challenges faced by breast cancer patients in accessing timely treatment in African countries and can contribute to improving cancer care policies and guidelines in these regions.

Research Task 1

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