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Zané Lombard obtained her PhD in Human Genetics and Bioinformatics in 2008, under the supervision of Prof Michele Ramsay from the University of the Witwatersrand. Her PhD research focused on bioinformatics approaches to disease-gene discovery. She is currently a Principal medical scientist and Associate professor in the Division of Human Genetics (NHLS & Wits), where she heads the Research laboratory in the Department. Before this she worked as a Senior Lecturer in Bioinformatics in the School of Molecular & Cell Biology, also at Wits. She currently is the PI of the H3Africa NIH-funded project called Deciphering Developmental Disorders in Africa, which was started in 2017. The aim of the study is to use new sequencing technologies for the diagnosis of rare diseases to enhance the genetics services offered to patients in the public healthcare sector.