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ABBREVIATIONS

2,3-DPG	2,3-Diphosphoglycerate
G6PD	Glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase
GSH	Reduced glutathione
GSSG	Oxidized glutathione
Hb	Hemoglobin
HbA	Normal adult hemoglobin
HbF	Fetal hemoglobin
HbS	Sickle hemoglobin
HPFH	Hereditary persistence of fetal hemoglobin
ICSH	International Council for Standardization in Hematology
LCR	Locus control region
NADP	Nicotinamide-adenine dinucleotide phosphate
NADPH	Reduced nicotinamide-adenine dinucleotide phosphate
PCR	Polymerase chain reaction
PKU	Phenylketonuria

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INTRODUCTION

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The hereditary anemias present a major genetic health problem that contributes considerably to childhood mortality and morbidity in many developing countries. They are among the commonest of the genetically determined diseases and comprise a group of conditions of considerable complexity. However, because of the easy accessibility of the red blood cells, more has been learnt about the genetic and molecular basis of anemias than about other inherited human disease. Many of hereditary anemias are rare and are not important as regards public health. However, two groups, the inherited disorders of hemoglobin (hemoglobinopathies) and deficiency of the red cell enzyme glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase (G6PD), have achieved an extraordinarily high frequency in the world populations.^[1]

The hemoglobinopathies and G6PD deficiency are the most common single gene disorders encountered in our region; they are much more common than in many other parts of the world. They represent a major health problem and the chronic illness and complications of these conditions pose considerable burdens on our health resources. ^[2]

Sickle cell anemia is a chronic and often debilitating disease, which results from homozygosity for a point mutation in the β -globin subunit of the hemoglobin molecule. Hemoglobin S (HbS), the product of this mutation, polymerizes when deoxygenated, thus damaging the red blood cell and causing vaso-occlusive