

Review of: "Consequences of Neglecting Epidemiology by Global Polio Eradication Initiative"

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Many reviews of this article are already done, and reading those I agree with colleagues.

To me, the paper seems more like “short communication” style article (and may be even shorter therefore), as it has no clear structure, no clear aim, nor methods of literature review or recommendations, clear tactics of what according to the authors should exactly be done different (in past and future as well), how would they suggest to approach the problem of polio eradication specifically (not just saying “use IPV”), etc. Evidence-based approach was not maintained here. Pros and cons of discussed issues are not balanced.

I suggest that the authors also rename the paper including some word like “balancing”. In the text the authors shall not be so accusive to use statements like “GPEI ignored the safety problems” - the question is if any other Initiative or Group would be able to do better job, and clearly many lives has been saved since the polio vaccination started. The authors also shall state better how exactly they would change the process (concrete steps, timing, logistics, economy, ethics etc.), at least some concrete suggestions may be useful. The authors may also consider to become active corresponders or members of Polio Initiative.