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# Review of: "The Global Polio Eradication Initiative has done well to introduce 3 doses of the Inactivated Poliovirus Vaccine in Afghanistan"

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The manuscript is very vaguely written throughout, with emphasis only on the assumption that IPV would be the best way forward for polio elimination, especially targeting type 1 polio. There should be references or evidence to support this statement (which is repeated numerous times throughout the manuscript).

Second, the authors on one hand suggest that the intradermal device used is expensive and not scalable in the entire Afghanistan and replicable in Pakistan. But the recommendation of using conventional non-reusable syringes with the hexavalent vaccine might not be feasible in all countries due to a lack of funding for the hexavalent vaccine as well as the vaccine availability to cover the entire cohort. There needs to be more clarity on this aspect.

There is mention of the “catch 22” problem in the manuscript. The authors might consider elaborating on the same for the newer audience.

## Declarations

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