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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 article reads more as an advocacy piece than a balanced scientific review. Phrases like “apparently,” "fatal flaw," and "festering problems" undermine academic credibility. A more measured tone is required. The authors describe the 2025 fractional-dose IPV campaign as "very positive" but provide no quantitative outcomes, no seroconversion rates, coverage figures, or adverse event data. For a paper recommending a major global policy shift, this is a significant evidentiary gap. The recommendation for scale-up would be far more persuasive with even preliminary efficacy data from the campaign itself. The authors assert that the GPEI's choice of OPV was "not science-supported," yet don't substantively engage with the public health literature that justified that decision at the time.

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