

# Review of: "Acceptance of Childhood Rotavirus Vaccine Among Mothers at The Point of Rotavirus Vaccine Introduction: A case study from Awka Anambra State Nigeria"

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- The authors, Beckie Tabgo et al., conducted a cross-sectional descriptive questionnaire among childbearing mothers on rotavirus vaccine knowledge and acceptance in the Awka region, a state of Nigeria.

The findings might not be representative of Nigeria in total (a limitation which is expressed by the authors), yet there are important learnings that, for a GAVI and state-approved vaccine program leading to access to a vaccine for everyone for “no” further private costs, substantial fundamental support is warranted. These needs would crystalize in essential information about the program, disease, prevention, and vaccine delivered by appropriate health care providers. The authors highlight that reaching the parents with information about safety, mode of action, scheduling, and dosing will remain critical success factors.

The authors also introduce further literature findings from other areas of the world.

As the dose regime remains different with different RV vaccines, the authors might want to stress the importance of compliance with the schedule for the chosen 3-dose vaccine, manufactured in India.

Authors might want to highlight in the introduction the general significant reduction in RV disease in countries that have implemented RV in their NIP.

The authors nicely confirm that pragmatic success factors for vaccine introduction are essential to reach out to the population. Future contextualization of the findings will help to provide insights into optimal vaccination strategies and determinants of a vaccine program's success. Nice work!