

Peer Review

Review of: "Oral Polio Vaccine Is Unsafe for the World and Should Be Replaced with Inactivated Poliovirus Vaccine Globally"

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This is an excellent paper with a very strong message for global vaccine policymakers and donors.

The central argument that the GPEI has historically failed to timely adjust its polio eradication strategy towards an IPV-only immunization schedule for all countries is clearly and concisely presented and backed by convincing data and relevant references. I totally agree with the paper's recommendation to switch to an IPV-only schedule as soon as possible.

The only minor comment I have is that the paper should have included a short paragraph on the practical implications of such a major policy shift. Certainly, the limited availability of affordable IPV for global use has for decades been a major roadblock that has contributed to GPEI's reluctance to adopt an IPV-only strategy. Today, with the increasing availability of IPV, including Sabin-IPV from manufacturers in the global south, this limitation no longer exists.

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