

## 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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Dear authors, your commentary makes a strong and urgent case for shifting from oral polio vaccine (OPV) to inactivated poliovirus vaccine (IPV) worldwide. That said, the argument could be more effective with a more balanced tone and the addition of solid evidence to back up key points. The concerns about vaccine-associated paralytic polio (VAPP) and circulating vaccine-derived polioviruses (cVDPVs) are important, but citing relevant studies or data would help boost credibility. It would also be helpful to recognize the real-world challenges that many low- and middle-income countries face—like costs, vaccine supply, and cold-chain logistics—which could make the transition more complex. Including examples of countries that have already made the switch to IPV, along with practical ideas for phasing out OPV, could make the piece more solution-focused. A slightly more measured tone could also help engage a wider audience, especially policymakers and health program leaders, making the message more impactful overall.

## Declarations

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