

Table I: Addition of a second inactivated poliovirus vaccine (IPV) dose to routine immunization with bivalent oral poliovirus vaccine (bOPV)

Population : Immunocompetent children

Question necessary for recommendation development: Should a second dose of IPV be implemented alongside bOPV + 1 dose IPV in RI? Are there significant enhancements in type 2 poliovirus immunogenicity when adding an additional dose of IPV?				
			Rating	Adjustment to rating
Quality Assessment	No of studies/starting rating		5 RCTs ¹	4
	Factors decreasing confidence	Limitation in study design	Serious ²	-1
		Inconsistency	None serious	0
		Indirectness	None serious	0
		Imprecision	None serious	0
		Publication bias	None detected	0
	Factors increasing confidence	Strength of association	Not applicable	0
		Dose-response	Not applicable	0
		Mitigated bias and confounding	Not applicable	0
	Final numerical rating of quality of evidence			3
Summary of Findings	Statement on quality of evidence		Evidence supports a moderate level of confidence that the true effect lies close to that of the estimate of the effect on the health outcome	
	Conclusion		A second dose of IPV in bOPV-using countries significantly closes the type 2 immunity gap as well as increasing type 1 and 3 immunity.	

Intervention : 2 doses IPV + bOPV

Comparison : 1 dose of IPV + bOPV

Outcome : Immunogenicity against type 2 poliovirus

¹ Five RCTs evaluated the effect of a second dose of IPV in a bOPV+IPV schedule. *Sutter et al (2015)* conducted an open label, randomised controlled trial in India enrolling 900 newborn infants. In bOPV + 2IPV group the seroconversion after 18 weeks was 99.4% (96.5–100) for type 1, 78.1% (70.7–84.3) for type 2 and 98.7% (95.4–99.8) for type 3. *Qui et al (2017)* conducted a randomized controlled non-inferiority clinical trial including 504 infants in the study. 30 days after the last inoculation, seroprotection in 2IPV + bOPV receiving arm was 85(98.84, 93.69–99.97) for type 1, 85(98.84, 93.69–99.97) for type 2 and 86(100.0, 95.80–100.0) for type 3. *Asturias et al (2016)* performed an open label randomized controlled trial in Latin American infants assessing humoral (ie, seroconversion) and intestinal immunity (i.e., viral shedding) of a bOPV + 2IPV schedule. After a bOPV–two IPV schedule, seroconversion rates reached 100% (98.0–100) to type 1, 100% (98.0–100; p<0.0001 vs bOPV only) to type 2, and 99.5% (97.1–99.9) to type 3. *Tagbo et al (2021)* conducted a randomized controlled clinical trial in Nigerian children assessing gains in immunity with an addition of a second dose of IPV to a bOPV/IPV schedule. Seroconversion rates for type 1, 2 and 3 were 98.9% (95% confidence interval [CI], 96.7–99.8), 72.0% (95% CI, 66.2–77.3) and 98.1% (95% CI, 88.2–94.8) with one IPV dose compared to 89.6% (95% CI, 85.4–93.0), 95.9% (95% CI, 92.8–

97.9) and 98.5% (95% CI, 96.3–99.6) with two doses. Note the significant increase in type 2 seroconversion with 2 IPV doses. *O’Ryan et al (2015)* performed a randomized, controlled, open-label, non-inferiority study assessing IPV administration in a sequential schedule with bOPV. In an IPV-IPV-bOPV schedule, type 1 seroconversion was 100% (97.9–100.0), type 3 was 100% (97.9–100.0) and type 2 96.0% (92.0–98.0).

² An open label design was conducted in all studies since the vaccine delivery could not be masked (oral vs injectable). Only *Asturias et al (2016)* had blinded investigators.

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