

Coverage and timeliness of birth dose vaccination in sub-Saharan Africa: a systematic review and meta-analysis

Supplementary Material

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Supplementary Document 1. Search strategy for Pubmed

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Search 1

“hepatitis B vaccines”[MeSH] OR hb vaccin*[Text] OR “poliovirus vaccines”[MeSH] OR opv[Text] OR “tuberculosis vaccines”[MeSH] OR bcg[Text] OR Bacillus Calmette Guerin[Text]

N=44100

Search 2

“vaccines”[MeSH] OR “immunization”[MeSH] OR “immunization programs”[MeSH] OR vaccine*[Text] OR vaccinat*[Text] OR immuniz*[Text] OR immunis*[Text]

N=414202

Search 3

“hepatitis b”[MeSH] OR “hepatitis b virus”[MeSH] OR hepatitis b[Text] OR type b hepatitis[Text] OR hepatitis type b[Text] OR hbv[Text] OR hep b[Text] OR “poliomyelitis”[MeSH] OR “poliovirus”[MeSH] OR polio*[Text] OR “tuberculosis”[MeSH] OR “mycobacterium tuberculosis”[MeSH] OR tuberculosis[Text] OR tb[Text]

N=363020

Search 4

coverage[Text] OR uptake[Text] OR rate[Text] OR dropout[Text] OR compliance[Text] OR adherence[Text] OR completeness[Text] OR acceptance[Text] OR acceptability[Text] OR hesitancy[Text] OR timely[Text] OR timeliness[Text] OR delay[Text]

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“Africa South of the Sahara”[MeSH] OR Africa*[Text] OR SSA[Text] OR Angola*[Text] OR Benin*[Text] OR Botswana*[Text] OR Burkina Faso*[Text] OR Burkinabe*[Text] OR Burundi*[Text] OR Cameroon*[Text] OR Cabo Verde*[Text] OR Cape Verde*[Text] OR Central African*[Text] OR Chad*[Text] OR Comoros*[Text] OR Comoran*[Text] OR Comorian*[Text] OR Congo*[Text] OR Djibouti*[Text] OR Equatorial Guinea*[Text] OR Eritrea*[Text] OR Ethiopia*[Text] OR Gabon*[Text] OR Gambia*[Text] OR Ghan*[Text] OR Guinea*[Text] OR Guinea Bissau*[Text] OR Ivory Coast*[Text] OR Cote

d'Ivoire*[Text] OR Ivorian*[Text] OR Kenya*[Text] OR Lesotho*[Text] OR Basotho*[Text]
OR Liberia*[Text] OR Madagascar*[Text] OR Malagasy*[Text] OR Malawi*[Text] OR
Mali*[Text] OR Mauritania*[Text] OR Mauritius*[Text] OR Mauritian*[Text] OR
Mozambi*[Text] OR Namibia*[Text] OR Niger*[Text] OR Rwanda*[Text] OR Sao Tome
and Principe*[Text] OR Senegal*[Text] OR Seychell*[Text] OR Sierra Leone*[Text] OR
Somali*[Text] OR South Africa*[Text] OR Sudan*[Text] OR Swazi*[Text] OR
Tanzania*[Text] OR Togo*[Text] OR Uganda*[Text] OR Zambia*[Text] OR
Zimbabwe*[Text]

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N=45404

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1 OR 6

N=62924

Search 8

7 AND 4 AND 5

N=1269

Supplementary Document 2. Risk of bias examined

Adapted from the framework presented by Altman (Egger M, Smith GD, Altman D, eds. Systematic Reviews in Health Care: Meta-analysis in Context. Wiley-Blackwell; 2001).

| Study feature | Qualities sought | Assessment | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------|------|-----|
| | | Good | Poor | N/R | N/A |
| 1. Sample of patients | Eligibility criteria defined | Good | Poor | N/R | N/A |
| | Sample selection explained (setting, locations and periods of recruitment) | Good | Poor | N/R | N/A |
| | Demographic socio-economic characteristics fully described (maternal age, maternal education, family's SES, rural/urban residence, etc) | Good | Poor | N/R | N/A |
| | Representative of study population | Good | Poor | N/R | N/A |
| | Completeness (of the infants eligible for the study, how much proportion (%) were included) | >80% | 60-79% | <60% | N/R |
| 2. Exposure | Methods to collect exposure variables well defined | Good | Poor | N/R | N/A |
| | Exposure assessor blinded to outcome status | Good | Poor | N/R | N/A |
| 3. Outcome | Methods to collect outcome variables well defined | Good | Poor | N/R | N/A |
| | Outcome assessor blinded to exposure status | Good | Poor | N/R | N/A |

Supplementary Document 3. Risk of bias for included studies

| Author | Journal | Year | Sample of patients | | | | | Exposure | | Outcome | |
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| | | | <i>Eligibility criteria defined</i> | <i>Sample selection explained (setting, locations, periods of recruitments)</i> | <i>Demographic socio-economic characteristics fully described (maternal age, maternal education, family's SES, rural/urban residence, etc)</i> | <i>Representativeness of study population</i> | <i>Completeness (of the infants eligible for the study, how much proportion (%) were included)</i> | <i>Methods to collect exposure variables well defined</i> | <i>Exposure assessor blinded to outcome status</i> | <i>Methods to collect outcome variables well defined</i> | <i>Outcome assessor blinded to exposure status</i> |
| BD Schoub | British Medical Journal | 1991 | good | good | N/A | good | N/R | good | N/A | good | N/A |
| D. Coetzee | Bulletin of the WHO | 1993 | good | good | good | good | 93.5% | good | N/A | good | N/A |
| A.Roth | The Pediatric Infectious Disease | 2004 | good | good | good | good | N/R | poor | N/A | good | N/A |

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| | Journal | | | | | | | | | | |
| P.K BORUS | East African Medical Journal | 2004 | poor | good | poor | poor | N/R | poor | NA | good | NA |
| A.Jahn | Tropical Medicine and Internatio nal Health | 2008 | good | good | good | good | 100% | good | N/A | good | N/A |
| A.Sadoh | Public Health | 2008 | good | good | N/R | poor(only children coming to certain clinic) | N/R | good | N/A | good | N/A |
| A. Sadoh | Journal of Health Populatio n and Nutrition | 2009 | good | good | N/R | poor(only children coming to clinic) | N/R | good | N/A | good | N/A |

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| B. Olusanya | Health Research Policy and Systems | 2010 | good | good | good | good | N/R | good | N/A | good | N/R |
| JC Moisi | Vaccine | 2010 | good | good | poor | good | 86.6% | good | NA | good | NA |
| L.Fadnes | Vaccine | 2011 | good | good | good | good | 86.3% | good | N/A | good | N/A |
| B. Adebayo | Vaccines and Vaccination | 2012 | good | poor(no period recorded) | good | good | N/R | good | N/A | good | N/A |
| J. Babirye | PLoS ONE | 2012 | good | good | good | good | 91.2% | good | N/A | good | N/A |
| A. Sadoh | Tanzania Journal of Health Research | 2013 | good | good | good | poor | N/R | good | N/A | good | N/A |
| O. Waroux | Internaitonal health | 2013 | good | good | poor | good | N/R | good | N/A | good | N/A |
| A. Schoeps | Vaccine | 2013 | good | good | good | good | 77.3% | good | N/A | good | N/A |

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| Kidane | East African Medical Journal | 2013 | good | good | good | good | N/R | good | NA | good | NA |
| L. Calhoun | Tropical Medicine and Hygiene | 2014 | good | good | good | poor(study number small?) | N/R | good | N/A | good | N/A |
| D. Laryea | BMC public health | 2014 | good | good | poor | poor(only children attending 1 clinic) | N/R | good | N/A | good | N/A |
| L. Gram | Tropical Medicine and International Health | 2014 | good | good | good | good | 66.3% | good | N/A | good | N/A |
| S. Thyssen | BMC public health | 2014 | good | good | good | good | 100% | good | N/A | good | N/A |
| A. Sadoh | African Health Sciences | 2014 | good | poor | poor | poor(small population size) | N/R | good | N/A | good | N/A |

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| Lutawama | The Journal of Infectious Diseases | 2014 | good | good | poor | poor | 100% | good | NA | poor | NA |
| Wagner Z | Vaccine | 2014 | good | good | poor | poor | 100% | good | NA | good | NA |
| A. Odutola | BMC Health Services Research | 2015 | good | good | good | good | N/R | good | N/A | good | N/A |
| D. Gibson | Vaccine | 2015 | good | good | poor | good | 63.9% | good | N/A | good | N/A |
| R. Miyahara | Vaccine | 2016 | good | good | good | good | N/R | good | N/A | good | N/A |
| C. Hoest | Vaccine | 2017 | good | poor | good | good | N/R | good | N/A | good | N/A |
| D. Gibson | Lancet Global Health | 2017 | good | poor | good | good | 79.3% | good | no | good | N/A |
| M. O'Leary | Archives of diseases in childhood | 2017 | good | good | good | good | 96.8% | good | N/A | good | N/A |
| A. Schweitzer | Bulletin of WHO | 2017 | good | N/A | N/A | good | N/R | poor | N/A | poor | N/A |

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| P. Zivich | Maternal Child Health Journal | 2017 | good | poor | good | good | N/R | good | N/A | good | N/A |
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