

National vaccination campaigns with OPV and H1N1: Contrasting effects on overall mortality

Guinea-Bissau has had the highest mortality in the world

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"In 2013, child mortality rates ranged from 152.5 per 1000 live births in Guinea-Bissau to 2.3 per 1000 in Singapore."

But we reached MDG4



Bissau reached MDG4: 236/1000 in 1990 to 68/1000 in 2013

17 years of campaigns in Guinea-Bissau



Effects of campaigns have not been measured: Polio and measles are not major killer diseases now so no effect on child survival expected



Polio campaigns during the last 15-20 years: No study

First OPV campaign in Bissau 1998 - Mortality March-Dec 1998

OPV campaign in 1998 – age groups	Mortality for 1-2 doses of OPV	Mortality for No OPV	Mortality rate ratio (MRR)
0-5 months	5.1%(28/553)	8.0%(19/238)	0.56 (0.3-1.0)
0-4 years	3.7%(143/3898)	5.8%(46/798)	0.67 (0.5-0.9)





In this period the Bandim Health Project has conducted 7 randomised clinical trials with mortality as the main outcome:

- 1. Neonatal vitamin A supplementation (VAS) to low-birth-weight (LBW) children
- 2. Neonatal VAS to normal birth weight (NBW) children
- **3. VAS together with routine vaccinations after 6 months of age**
- 4. BCG-at-birth versus delayed BCG to LBW children
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- 6. OPV-at-birth (OPV0) versus no OPV0 to NBW children
- 7. Early two-dose measles vaccination: 4+9 versus only 9 months

Assessing mortality from vaccination campaigns



We assessed effect of campaigns within RCTs so that children were their own controls – blue time before campaign; green time after campaigns



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OPV reduced mortality by 19% - additional doses 13% (4-21%) – significant linear trend Boosting is beneficial



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H1N1 higher mortality:

For boys MRR=0.95 (0.23-3.92) For girls MRR= 2.32 (1.19-4.52)



RCT of infant mortality for BCG+OPV0 vs BCG-only (N=7000; No polio in Bissau)

Effect of OPV campaigns censored

Group	Mortality rate ratio for OPV0+BCG vs BCG-alone	
All children	0.68 (0.45-1.00)	
Boys	0.57 (0.33-0.98)	
Girls	0.86 (0.48-1.56)	
Enrolled day 0-2	0.58 (0.38-0.90)	

Lund et al CID 2015;epub



OPV1-3 used to be given in Denmark at 2,3, and 4 years of age

Hospital admissions at 24-36 months for all children in Denmark for OPV1 as most recent vaccination (1996-2001)

Most recent vaccination	Rate/100 pyrs (admissions /pyrs)	IRR for all infectious diseases	IRR for Lower Respiratory infections
DTaP-IPV-Hib	7.2 (452/6243)	1 (ref)	1 (ref)
MMR	5.1(1938/37835)	0.86 (0.77-0.95)	0.77 (0.64-0.92)
OPV1	4.5(4040/89919)	0.85 (0.77-0.95)	0.73 (0.61-0.87)

Study based on 137,403 children

OPV2 and OPV 3 associated with further 7%(0-14%) and 13%(4-21%) reductions in admissions between 3 and 5 years of age



OPV has modified the negative effect of DTP:

Mortality rate ratio (MRR) for DTP versus unvaccinated

Introduction of DTP and OPV	DTP-only	DTP+OPV	OPV-only
Urban Bissau 1981- 1983	10.0 (2.61-38.6)	3.52 (0.96-12.9)	
Rural Bissau 1984- 1987 (IJE 2004)	5.00 (0.63-39.7)	1.90 (0.91-3.97)	
Case fatality at hospital (Vaccine 2004)		reference	0.29(0.11-0.77)



The world is switching from OPV to Inactivated polio vaccine (IPV)

Impact of IPV on survival has not been examined IPV used as comparator vaccine in 3 RCTs in Bissau in the 1980-90s

Mortality before	Mortality rate	Mortality rate	Mortality rate ratio (MRR)
receiving measles	(deaths/pyrs)	(deaths/pyrs) for	
vaccine	for girls	boys	
Randomised to IPV	8.3(60/724)	5.4(39/723)	1.52 (1.02-2.28)



MV campaigns should have little effect on mortality

Many MV campaigns during last 15 years We compared mortality 1-yr after MV campaign with 2 yrs before



Under-5 mortality in Guinea-Bissau: The road to MDG4 has been paved with OPV and MV campaigns







Conclusions

Campaigns have had a much larger effect on mortality than usually assumed

Expected future negative effects for immune training:

- OPV campaigns will be removed
- OPV will no longer reduce the negative effect of DTP
- IPV is likely to have a negative effect for girls
- Measles vaccination campaigns will eventually be removed