Reviewer's report

Title: A Mid-Term Assessment of Progress Towards the Immunisation Coverage Goal of the Global Immunisation Vision and Strategy (GIVS)

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Major Compulsory Revisions:
1. none

Minor Essential Revisions:
2. Results: is it 137 or 138 countries?
3. Figure legend: specify – achieved or on track, insufficient progress, no progress.

Discretionary Revisions:
4. Abstract, Background: consider rewording the aims.

GIVS has four main aims:
• to immunize more people against more diseases;
• to introduce a range of newly available vaccines and technologies;
• to integrate other critical health interventions with immunization; and
• to manage vaccination programmes within the context of global interdependence.


5. Minor edits are suggested in the first paragraph and the discussion
6. Are the 194 countries all WHO member states/territories (2010)? If so, state this.

1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined? Yes
2. Are the methods appropriate and well described? Yes
3. Are the data sound? Yes
4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition? Yes
5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data? Yes
6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated? Yes
7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished? Yes
8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found? Yes
9. Is the writing acceptable? Yes

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
'I declare that I have no competing interests'