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The title page was updated as per requirement

Ethics:

An additional ethics section was added

The manuscript is submitted in the "debate" section and therefore is not a research paper. However the three studies that are discussed in the papers have all received ethical approval from their implementing institutions (the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (2009 and 2010) and the Middlebury College (2011). Ethical approval was gained from all the countries where fieldwork was conducted, unless the country did not require an ethical approval.

Research projects discussed in the debate paper:

Project: New vaccine, from licensing to adoption: ethical approval from the LSHTM number 5739

Project: Impact of measles eradication on health systems: ethical approval from the LSHTM number 5596

Project: Impact of polio campaigns on health systems: Middlebury College, ethical approval number 11196