Reviewer’s report

Title: Polio Eradication Initiative in Africa: Influence on Other Infectious Disease Surveillance Development

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This report addresses an important issue - if vertical surveillance programs provide support to other health related surveillance initiative. This subject is hotly debated in relationship to polio eradication and is particularly important in Africa. The report provides evidence that polio surveillance does support development of broader surveillance initiatives. The evidence is based on interviews with significant program staff. While this is important, it would be more satisfying evidence to provide more concrete evidence as measured by completeness of reporting. Still, I recommend publication. Some of the English at the beginning of the report is a bit awkward and I would recommend that it be further edited to make the report more readable.

Competing interests:

None declared.