Reviewer's report

Title: Charting the Evolution of Approaches Employed by the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunizations (GAVI) to Address Inequities in Access to Immunization: A systematic qualitative review of GAVI policies, strategies and resource allocation mechanisms through an equity lens (1999-2014)

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The manuscript has been greatly improved. The wealth of information is now easier to access with the thematic arrangement and improved signposting. Table 1 is very useful, helps to link the data with the conceptual framework and nicely illustrates some of the trade-offs that Gavi has had to make between different equity objectives.

Minor Discretionary Revision

1. Very minor and discretionary comment - it is true that within-country equity in opportunity is not relevant to Gavi because countries have to apply for vaccines as a whole. However, this is a normative decision made by the Gavi board (albeit one that is probably hard to change because of political constraints) rather than a "rule of nature", so I would rather say that "not all combinations ... are considered to be relevant to current Gavi policy" rather than "not all combinations ... are relevant for Gavi".

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

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