



Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation (GRADE): Rabies Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis

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Assumptions made by WG based on background presentations

- Rabies is 100% fatal
- Rabies vaccines are highly efficacious
- Multiple layers of preventing human rabies (e.g., PrEP, animal vaccinations for rabies, PPE while working with rabies virus, PEP)
- Goal of PrEP
 - Recognized exposures: Anamnestic response from PrEP + shortened PEP series
 - Unrecognized exposures: Sustained high titers such that “protection” provided by PrEP alone even if PEP is not administered
- ID data can be used to inform IM recommendations
- Increase in titer cut-off to 0.5 IU/mL has advantages and one potential disadvantage: booster could be indicated for a titer value that would have been considered acceptable in past

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Critical outcomes

- Efficacy
 - Primary immunogenicity: Peak immunogenicity after completion of the primary vaccine series (i.e., at 2-4 weeks after completion of the primary series)

- Safety
 - None*

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How do we ensure long-term anamnestic response?

Ensuring long-term immunogenicity for those in risk group #3: titer check

- Data indicates that titer at the 1 year time point is indicative of long-term titers and ability to mount an anamnestic response
- In the absence of data confirming that the [0, 7 days] series, provides immunogenicity many years later, titers at 1 year time point indicate a person's long-term immunogenicity

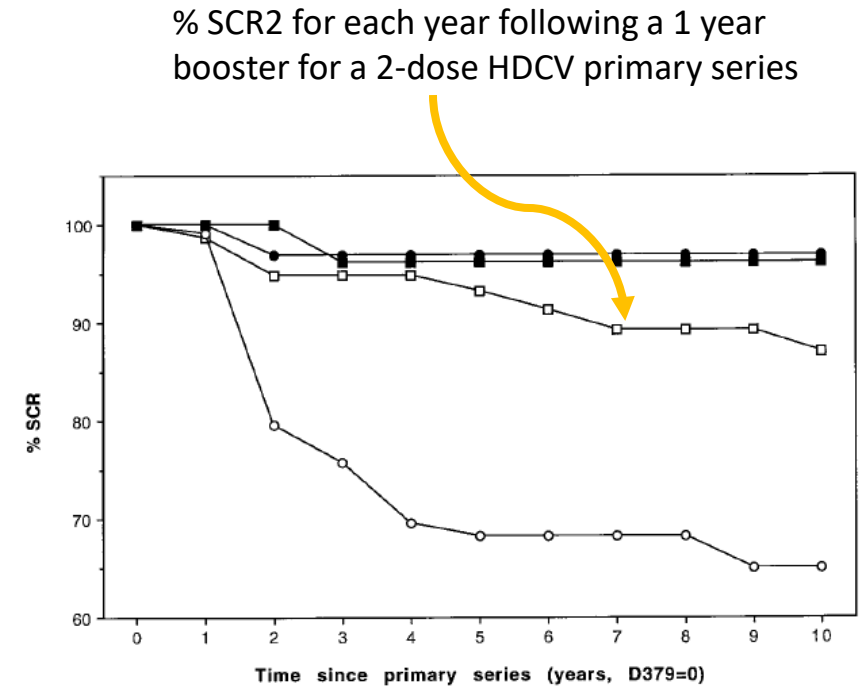


Figure: Evolution of seroconversion rate (% SCR) from day 379 (2 weeks after 1 year booster) to year 10

New data for titer check

- Data included in GRADE analysis shows primary immunogenicity is at least up to 3 years
- Taken together, WG felt titer value at any point during 1-3 years could be checked once to ensure long-term immunogenicity
- Booster is recommended if titers <0.5 IU/mL at the titer check
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- WG concerned that population not previously accustomed to getting titer check for rabies PrEP may not do so
- Option for booster as an alternative to titer

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| Intervention | Day 21- year 3 rabies vaccine booster after [0, 7 days] rabies vaccine PrEP schedule |
| Comparison | No rabies vaccine booster after [0, 7 days] rabies vaccine PrEP schedule |
| Outcome | Long-term immunogenicity |

*Human diploid cell vaccine

† Purified chick embryo cell vaccine

Evidence Retrieval

- Literature search of multiple biomedical and interdisciplinary bibliographic databases including: Medline, Embase, Cochrane Library, and WHO Index Medicus
- A broad and rigorous strategy incorporating terms related to the concept of pre-exposure vaccination against rabies virus using HDCV or PCECV vaccines
- Search was limited to 1965-2018 and without language restrictions to identify potentially relevant studies
- Results were compiled in an Endnote Library and duplicate records were removed
- Search updated through December 31, 2019 to screen recent records not captured in the original search

Evidence Retrieval

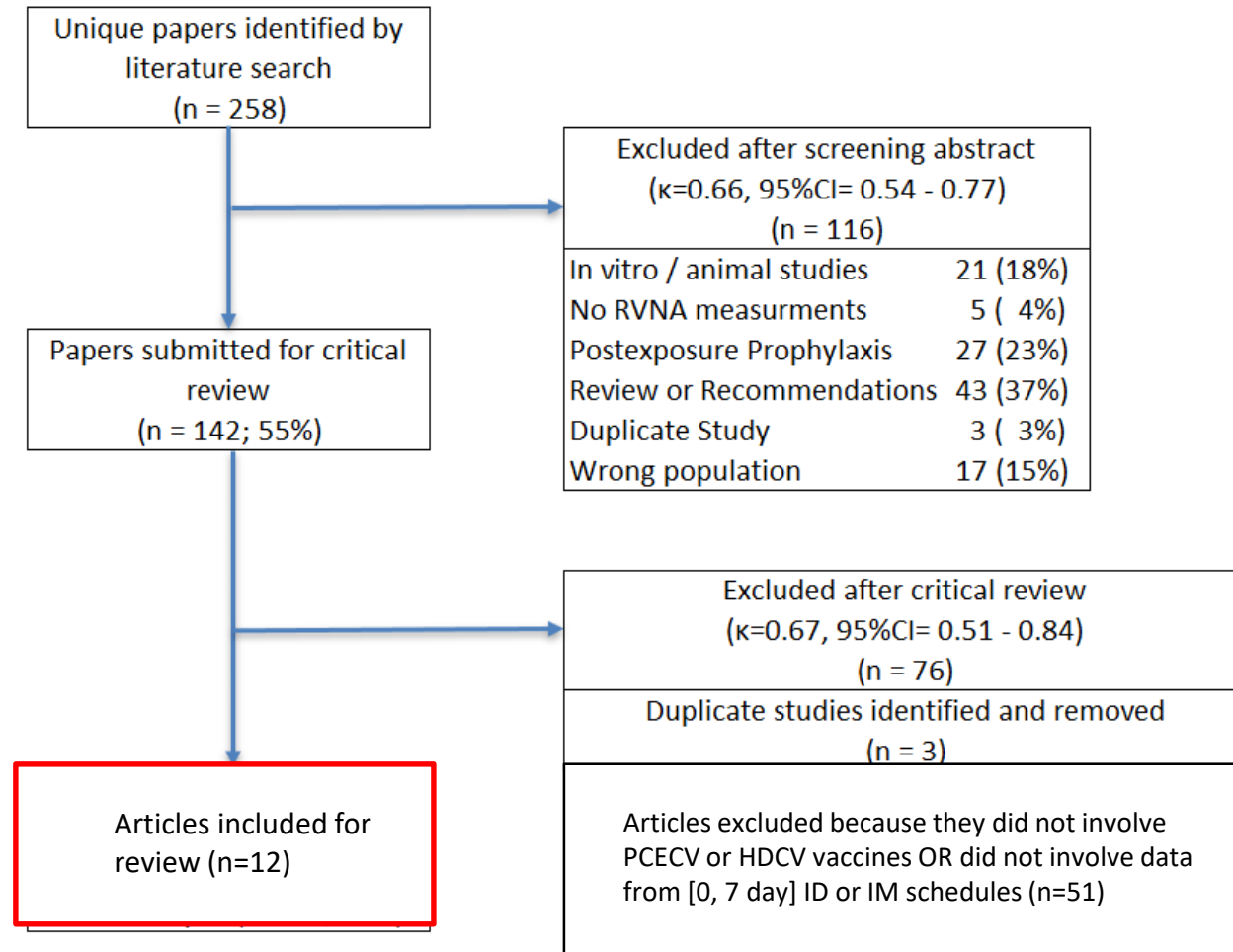
Records were included if they presented data on human rabies vaccines and:

- Involved immunocompetent adults 18 years of age or older^a
- Included data for intervention of interest (HDCV or PCECV rabies vaccine, pre-exposure, intradermal [1-site or 2 site] or intramuscular [1-site], any PFU)
- Included data relevant to the outcome measures being assessed
- Planned categorization of primary data into comparative or single-arm studies; randomized control trials, prospective or retrospective cohort, case-control, cross-sectional studies ^b

a. Data from animal or *in vitro* studies or data from humans <18 years of age were excluded

b. Records that did not provide primary data (e.g. literature reviews or summaries, editorials, commentaries, opinions, clinical trial registries or protocols) and case reports or case studies were excluded

Study Selection



GRADE Evidence Assessment Criteria

- **Initial evidence type (certainty level) determined by study design**
 - Initial evidence type 1 (high certainty): A body of evidence from randomized controlled trials
 - Initial evidence type 3 (low certainty): A body of evidence from observational studies
- **Risk of bias:** Can include failure to conceal allocation, failure to blind, loss to follow-up. Risk of bias may vary across outcomes.
- **Inconsistency:** Criteria for evaluating include similarity of point estimates, extent of overlap of confidence intervals, and statistical criteria including tests of heterogeneity and I^2
- **Indirectness:** Considers the generalizability of the evidence to the original PICO components (i.e. pre-exposure immunization in the U.S. population)
- **Imprecision:** Considers the fragility of the relative and absolute effect measures based on the interpretation of the 95% CIs and the optimal information size.
- **Other considerations:** Includes publication bias or indications of dose-response gradient, large or very large magnitude of effect, and opposing residual confounding.

Overall evidence types (Certainty levels)

- **Type 1 (high certainty):** We are very confident that the true effect lies close to that of the estimate of the effect.
- **Type 2 (moderate certainty):** We are moderately confident in the effect estimate: The true effect is likely to be close to the estimate of the effect, but there is a possibility that it is substantially different.
- **Type 3 (low certainty):** Our confidence in the effect estimate is limited: The true effect may be substantially different from the estimate of the effect.
- **Type 4 (very low certainty):** We have very little confidence in the effect estimate: The true effect is likely to be substantially different from the estimate of effect

Not measuring how well the individual studies were conducted, but how much confidence we have in the estimates of effect across each outcome

Evidence Profile Notes

- GRADE was conducted as it pertains to the specific population, intervention, comparison, and outcome (PICO) of interest
- Randomized control trial (RCT) refers to a trial which randomizes participants to an active intervention or a placebo or unvaccinated comparator arm
- Observational studies (Obs) refer to one-arm studies, studies for whom participants were not randomized, or studies that did not provide disaggregated data to allow for the comparison between randomized arms
- Evidence was considered observational if only data from the study arm(s) involving one of the 2 US vaccines were included

Outcome for PrEP policy question #1

Table 1: PrEP policy question #1

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| | Policy question: Should a two dose pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) series involving HDCV* or PCECV† IM [0, 7 days] replace the 3 dose series IM[0, 7, 21/28 days] for all those for whom rabies vaccine PrEP is recommended? |
| Population | Persons for whom rabies vaccine PrEP is recommended |
| Intervention | [0, 7 days] rabies vaccine PrEP schedule |
| Comparison | [0, 7, 21/28 days] rabies vaccine PrEP schedule |
| Outcome | Primary immunogenicity |

*Human diploid cell vaccine

† Purified chick embryo cell vaccine

PrEP Policy Question #1

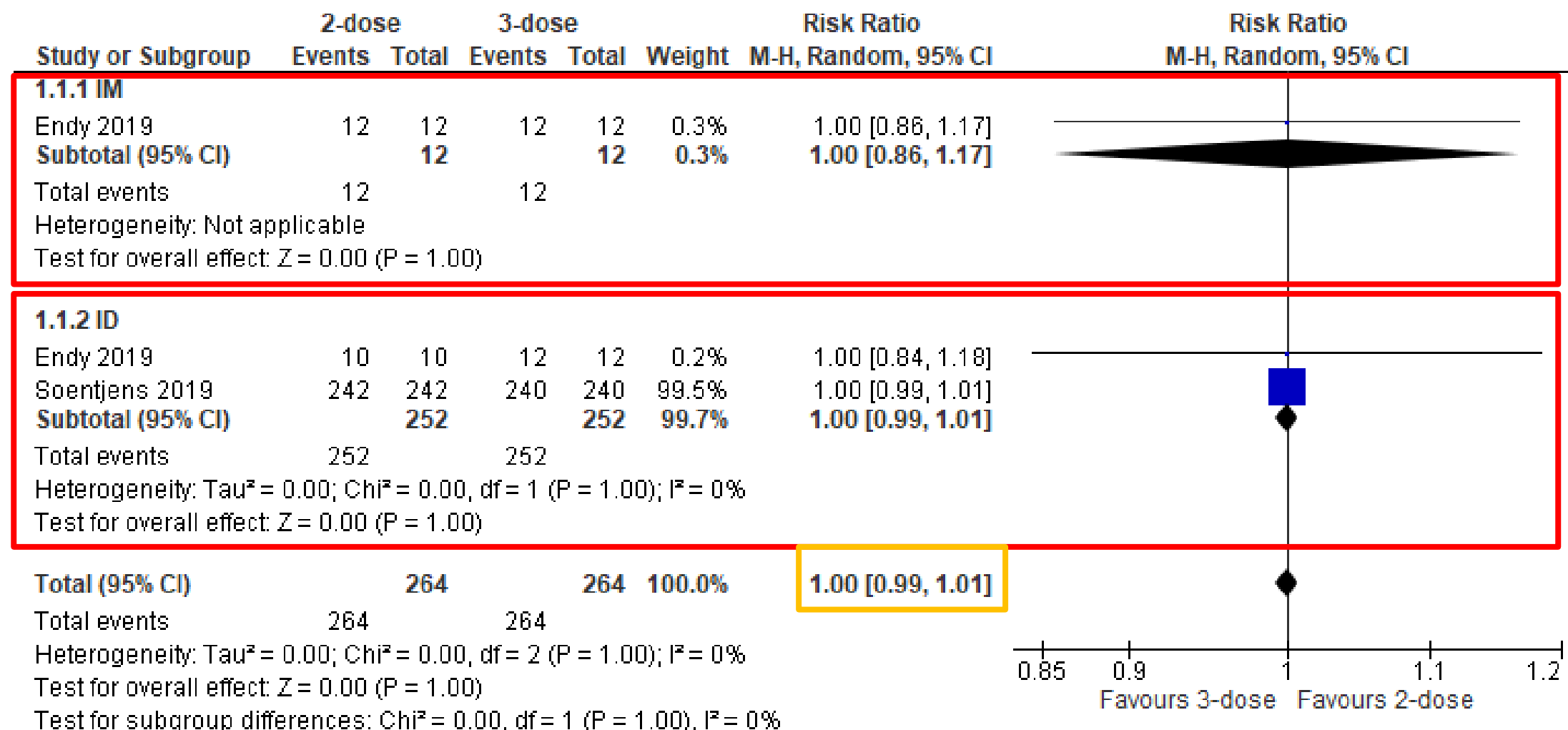
Table 3a: Summary of Randomized Control Trial Studies Reporting Outcome

| Authors last name, pub year | Age (years) | N intervention | N comparison | Vaccine | Risk Ratio [95% CI] | Study limitations (Risk of Bias) |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| Endy, 2019 | Mean 32.4, Range 18 - 59 | 22 | 24 | PCEC, IM, ID | 1.00 [0.89, 1.12] | Some concerns ¹ |
| Soentjens, 2019 | Median 29.0, Range NR | 242 | 240 | HDCV, ID | 1.00 [0.99, 1.01] | Some concerns ² |

¹Allocation concealment not reported. Study did not blind participants or healthcare personnel; however, unlikely that co-interventions would have influenced the outcome.

²Method of randomization and allocation not reported. Study did not blind participants or healthcare personnel; however, unlikely that co-interventions would have influenced the outcome.

Forest plot for two RCTs



PrEP Policy Question #1

Table 3b: Summary of Observational Studies Reporting Outcome

| Authors last name, pub year | Age (years) | N intervention | N comparison | Vaccine | Risk Ratio [95% CI] ¹ | Study limitations (Study quality ²) |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Ajjan, 1989 | Mean 22, Range 19-41 | 72 | 69 | HDCV, IM | 1.00 [0.97, 1.03] | 9/9 No concerns |
| Arora, 2004 | Mean 26.2, NR | 44 | 44 | HDCV, IM | 1.00 [0.96, 1.04] | 9/9 No concerns |
| Briggs, 1996 | NR | 146 | 146 | HDCV, IM | 1.00 [0.99, 1.01] | 9/9 No concerns |
| Cramer 2016 | Mean 36.7, SD 12.9 | 371 | 364 | PCEC, IM | 0.99 [0.98, 1.01] ⁴ | 7/9 Minimal concerns |
| Hacibektasoglu, 1992 | Mean 20, Range 18 - 24 | 30 | 30 | HDCV, IM | 0.90 [0.79, 1.03] | 9/9 No concerns |
| Jaijaroensup, 1999 | NR, Range 17 - 22 | 138 | 129 | PCEC, IM, ID | 0.94 [0.87, 1.02] ⁴ | 9/9 No concerns |
| Kitala, 1990 | NR | 37 | 37 | HDCV, IM | 1.00 [0.95, 1.05] | 8/9 Minimal concerns |
| Recuenco, 2017 | Median 41.0, Range 20 - 62 | 60 | 59 | PCEC, IM, ID | 1.00 [0.96, 1.05] ⁴ | 9/9 No concerns |
| Sabchareon, 1999 | Mean 10, SD 1.3 ³ | 190 | 190 | HDCV, IM | 1.00 [0.99, 1.01] | 7/9 Minimal concerns |
| Vodopija, 1986 | NR | 49 | 46 | HDCV, PCEC, IM | 1.00 [0.94, 1.06] ⁴ | 9/9 No concerns |

¹Data from observational studies, where intervention and comparison data were taken from the same people at different time points, were analyzed using M-H Risk Ratio random effects procedure. Due to unavailable raw data on pairing, a matched analysis was not possible.

²Study quality for observational studies was assessed using the Newcastle Ottawa Scale.

³Age for total study population was not reported in this paper. Numbers in this cell are from the study arm from which data were extracted.

⁴Studies contained multiple arms relative to the analysis. Risk ratio reflects pooled analysis from eligible arms.

Forest plot for 10 observational studies

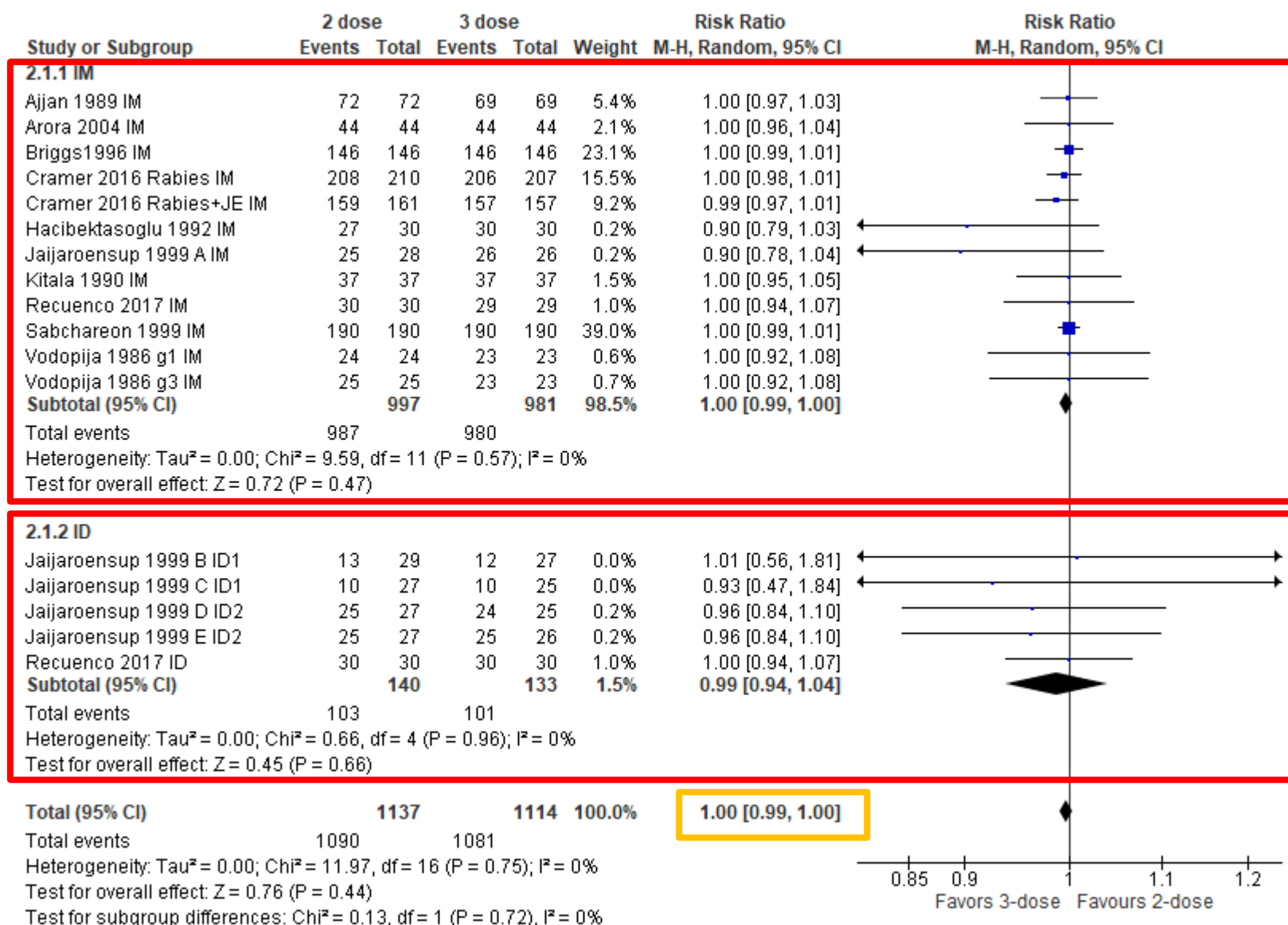


Table 4: Evidence table

Immunogenicity after [0, 7 days] PrEP series with HDCV or PCECV

| Certainty assessment | | | | | | | No of patients | | Effect | | Certainty | Importance |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|----------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------|------------|
| No of studies | Study design | Risk of bias | Inconsistency | Indirectness | Imprecision | Other considerations | [0, 7 days] rabies vaccine PrEP schedule | [0, 7, 21/28 days] rabies vaccine PrEP schedule | Relative (95% CI) | Absolute (95% CI) | | |

Immunogenicity (RCTs) (follow up: range 2 weeks to 3 weeks; assessed with: titer level above 0.5)

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| 2 ^{1,2} | randomized trials | serious ^a | not serious | not serious | not serious | none | 264/264 (100.0%) | 264/264 (100.0%) | RR 1.00 (0.99 to 1.01) | 0 fewer per 1,000 (from 10 fewer to 10 more) | Level 2 | CRITICAL |
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Immunogenicity (observational studies) (follow up range: 2 to 3 weeks, assessed with titer level above 0.5)

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| 10 ^{3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12} | observational studies | not serious | not serious | not serious ^b | not serious | none | 1090/1137 (95.9%) | 1081/1114 (97.0%) | RR 1.00 (0.99 to 1.00) | 0 fewer per 1,000 (from 10 fewer to 0 fewer) | Level 3 | CRITICAL |
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CI: Confidence interval; RR: Risk ratio

Explanations

a. Method of randomization and allocation not reported in Soentjens 2019 and allocation concealment not reported in Endy 2019. Neither study blinded participants or healthcare personnel; however, unlikely that co-interventions would have influenced the outcome.

b. Sabchareon 1999 study was conducted among children and the response may be more robust than in adults, which would potentially overestimate the immune response.

Table 4: Evidence table

Immunogenicity after [0, 7 days] PrEP series with HDCV or PCECV

| Certainty assessment | | | | | | | No of patients | | Effect | | Certainty | Importance |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|----------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------|------------|
| No of studies | Study design | Risk of bias | Inconsistency | Indirectness | Imprecision | Other considerations | [0, 7 days] rabies vaccine PrEP schedule | [0, 7, 21/28 days] rabies vaccine PrEP schedule | Relative (95% CI) | Absolute (95% CI) | | |

Immunogenicity (RCTs) (follow up: range 2 weeks to 3 weeks; assessed with: titer level above 0.5)

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| 2 ^{1,2} | randomized trials | serious ^a | not serious | not serious | not serious | none | 264/264 (100.0%) | 264/264 (100.0%) | RR 1.00 (0.99 to 1.01) | 0 fewer per 1,000 (from 10 fewer to 10 more) | Level 2 | CRITICAL |
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Immunogenicity (observational studies) (follow up range: 2 to 3 weeks, assessed with titer level above 0.5)

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| 10 ^{3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12} | observational studies | not serious | not serious | not serious ^b | not serious | none | 1090/1137 (95.9%) | 1081/1114 (97.0%) | RR 1.00 (0.99 to 1.00) | 0 fewer per 1,000 (from 10 fewer to 0 fewer) | Level 3 | CRITICAL |
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CI: Confidence interval; RR: Risk ratio

Explanations

a. Method of randomization and allocation not reported in Soentjens 2019 and allocation concealment not reported in Endy 2019. Neither study blinded participants or healthcare personnel; however, unlikely that co-interventions would have influenced the outcome.

b. Sabchareon 1999 study was conducted among children and the response may be more robust than in adults, which would potentially overestimate the immune response.

Table 4: Evidence table

Immunogenicity after [0, 7 days] PrEP series with HDCV or PCECV

| Certainty assessment | | | | | | | No of patients | | Effect | | Certainty | Importance |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|----------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------|------------|
| No of studies | Study design | Risk of bias | Inconsistency | Indirectness | Imprecision | Other considerations | [0, 7 days] rabies vaccine PrEP schedule | [0, 7, 21/28 days] rabies vaccine PrEP schedule | Relative (95% CI) | Absolute (95% CI) | | |

Immunogenicity (RCTs) (follow up: range 2 weeks to 3 weeks; assessed with: titer level above 0.5)

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| 2 ^{1,2} | randomized trials | serious ^a | not serious | not serious | not serious | none | 264/264 (100.0%) | 264/264 (100.0%) | RR 1.00 (0.99 to 1.01) | 0 fewer per 1,000 (from 10 fewer to 10 more) | Level 2 | CRITICAL |
|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------|----------|

Immunogenicity (observational studies) (follow up range: 2 to 3 weeks, assessed with titer level above 0.5)

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| 10 ^{3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12} | observational studies | not serious | not serious | not serious ^b | not serious | none | 1090/1137 (95.9%) | 1081/1114 (97.0%) | RR 1.00 (0.99 to 1.00) | 0 fewer per 1,000 (from 10 fewer to 0 fewer) | Level 3 | CRITICAL |
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CI: Confidence interval; RR: Risk ratio

Explanations

a. Method of randomization and allocation not reported in Soentjens 2019 and allocation concealment not reported in Endy 2019. Neither study blinded participants or healthcare personnel; however, unlikely that co-interventions would have influenced the outcome.

b. Sabchareon 1999 study was conducted among children and the response may be more robust than in adults, which would potentially overestimate the immune response.

Outcome for PrEP policy question #2

PrEP policy question #2

| | |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | Policy question: Should an IM booster dose of rabies vaccine (*PCECV or †HDCV) be recommended as an alternative to a titer check no sooner than day 21 and no later than 3 years after the two dose pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) series IM [0, 7 days] for those in the #3 risk category of people who receive PreP? |
| Population | Persons in the #3 risk category for whom rabies vaccine PrEP is recommended |
| Intervention | Day 21- year 3 rabies vaccine booster after [0, 7 days] rabies vaccine PrEP schedule |
| Comparison | No rabies vaccine booster after [0, 7 days] rabies vaccine PrEP schedule |
| Outcome | Long-term immunogenicity |

*Human diploid cell vaccine

† Purified chick embryo cell vaccine

PrEP Policy Question #2

Table 3: Summary of Studies Reporting Outcome

| Authors last name, pub year | Age (years) | N intervention | N comparison | Comparator vaccine | Risk Ratio [95% CI] | Study limitations (Study quality ³) |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Endy, 2019 | Mean 32.4, Range 18 - 59 | 20 | No comparison ¹ | PCEC, IM | Not able to calculate ² | 8/9 Minimal concerns |
| Soentjens, 2019 | Median 29.0, NR | 183 | No comparison ¹ | HDCV, IM | Not able to calculate ² | 8/9 Minimal concerns |

¹No comparison data available for this policy question available in these studies.
²No comparison data available to calculate effect estimate.
³Study quality for observational studies was assessed using the Newcastle Ottawa Scale.

Table 4: Evidence table

Duration of immunogenicity after [0, 7 days] PrEP series with HDCV or PCECV

| Certainty assessment | | | | | | | Impact | Certainty | Importance |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| No of studies | Study design | Risk of bias | Inconsistency | Indirectness | Imprecision | Other considerations | | | |
| Anamnestic response after booster (follow up: range 1 weeks to 3) | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 ^{1,2} | observational studies | not serious | not serious | not serious | not serious | none | A historical control of trial participants receiving 2 doses of rabies vaccine resulting in 100% immunogenicity (n=264) at 1-3 weeks following vaccination schedule (Endy 2019, Soentjens 2019) : 203/203 (100%) seroconversion with booster | Level 3 | CRITICAL |

CI: Confidence interval

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