

Primaquine Efficacy and Safety for Vivax Malaria: Bangladesh, India, Nepal

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Introduction

This report is a condensed version of the full report assessing the effect of primaquine dose on efficacy, safety and tolerability. This report provides an overview of the results only. For more detail please refer to the standard report.

Table 1: Studies included in this report

Author-year	Follow up (days)	Treatment arms	PQ treatment arm details	Patients available
Llanos-Cuentas-2014	180	No PQ, PQ 3.5 mg/kg	Cq_Pq_3.5_14d_D1	16
Rijal-2019	365	No PQ, PQ 3.5 mg/kg	Cq_Pq_3.5_14d_D0	206
Saravu-2016	28	PQ 3.5 mg/kg	Cq_Pq_3.5_14d_D0	155
Ley-2016	30	PQ 3.5 mg/kg	Cq_Pq_3.5_14d_D2	55

* *ACT* – artemisinin-based combination treatment; *As* – artesunate; *AL* – artemether-lumefantrine; *Aq* – amodiaquine; *Cq* – chloroquine; *DP* – dihydroartemisinin-piperaquine; *GI* – gastrointestinal; *Mf* – mefloquine; *PQ/Pq* – primaquine; *SP* – sulfadoxine-pyrimethamine;

Primaquine treatment code describes (schizontocidal drug)(hypnozoitocidal drug)(total primaquine dose)(duration of primaquine treatment eg 14d = 14 days)(primaquine start day)

Efficacy

Inclusion in the efficacy analysis was restricted to studies with 42 days or more follow up and patients with data on day 0 parasitaemia. In this report, the efficacy analysis includes 222 patients across 5 study sites, from 2 studies.

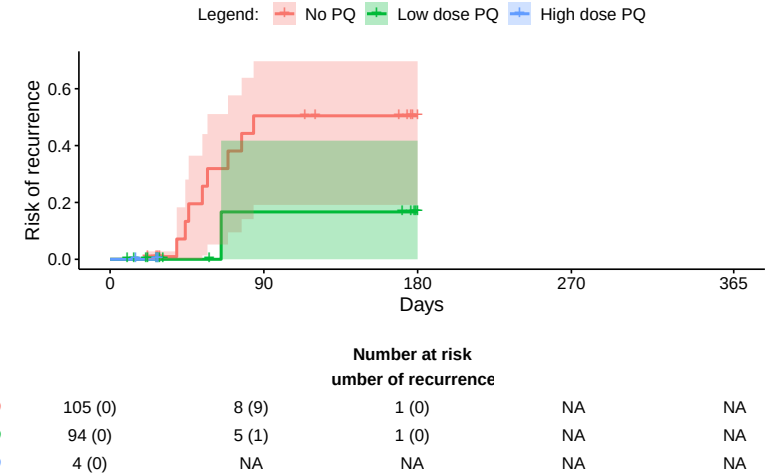


Figure 1: Kaplan-Meier figure of cumulative risk of recurrence between day 7 and day 365 for primaquine treatment category. Please interpret the results of this figure with caution as there may not always be paired treatment comparisons in the original studies contributing to these pooled results.

Low dose PQ - total primaquine 2 - <5 mg/kg;

High dose PQ - total primaquine $\geq$ 5 mg/kg

Haematology

The haematology analysis included 432 patients across 7 study sites, from 4 studies. The following analysis only considers the 419 patients across 4 studies with G6PD activity $\geq 30\%$.

Table 2: Summary of haematology outcomes, stratified by daily primaquine dose

	Primaquine daily dose level				
	Nil	Low	Intermediate	High	Total
	(N=109)	(N=281)	(N=28)	(N=1)	(N=419)
Drop in Haemoglobin of >25% AND Hb below 7 g/dL:					
No	109 (100.0%)	137 (48.8%)	26 (92.9%)	1 (100.0%)	273 (65.2%)
Yes	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Missing	0 (0%)	144 (51.2%)	2 (7.1%)	0 (0%)	146 (34.8%)
Drop in Haemoglobin of >5 g/dL from baseline OR Hb below 5 g/dL:					
No	109 (100.0%)	137 (48.8%)	26 (92.9%)	1 (100.0%)	273 (65.2%)
Yes	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Missing	0 (0%)	144 (51.2%)	2 (7.1%)	0 (0%)	146 (34.8%)

The following figure provides the estimated change in haemoglobin (Hb) from day 0, for different primaquine doses at day 2/3, adjusted for baseline haemoglobin, age, sex and day 0 parasitaemia and allowing for clustering by study site.

Care should be taken when interpreting these results, as model assumptions have not been fully assessed in this automated report format.

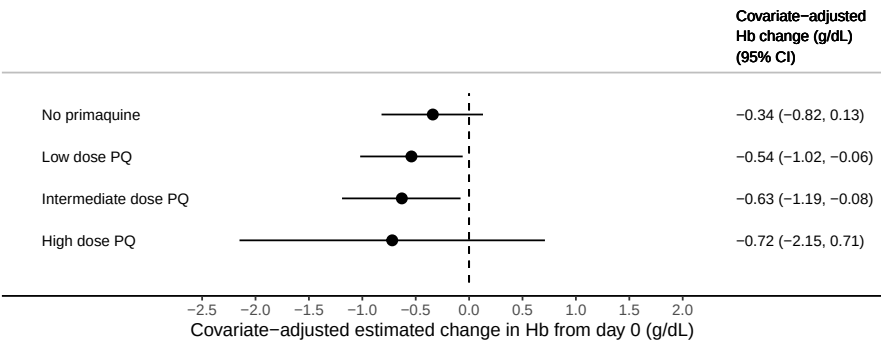


Figure 2: The covariate-adjusted estimated change in Hb from baseline to days 2-3, between primaquine daily dose groups, in patients with G6PD activity $\geq 30\%$.

Low dose daily primaquine (<0.375 mg/kg/day)
Intermediate dose daily primaquine (≥ 0.375 & <0.75 mg/kg/day)
High dose daily primaquine (≥ 0.75 mg/kg/day).