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Professor Dr. A.B. Sabin  
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Dear Professor Sabin,

Ref: Poliomyelitis Vaccine (oral). Pol/Vac.(oral)  
trivalent types I.II.III. Sabin strains.

Despite your busy activities I should be most grateful if you would be kind enough to respond to my request. My personal views and experience regarding the use of oral polio vaccines in the tropics has been favourable. I have been advocating the use of such vaccines in my own country. While in charge of virology at the erstwhile National Institute of Health and Medical Research of the Ghana Academy of Sciences, I advocated and saw that the Pol/vac (oral) trivalent types were put to use in our own country. The rise in levels of antibodies after immunization despite arguments against the use of oral vaccines due to the presence of natural immunity in such communities convinces me that at all costs the oral vaccines should be employed even in the tropics. Some of the neighboring countries of Ghana are still reluctant as to the use of these vaccines. I have been invited to put my own views regarding my experience across to those in Ivory Coast on 21st June, 1969. I would therefore, be most grateful if you would be kind enough to send me 1 or 2 of your own or that of others latest experiences or studies on the use of oral polio vaccines in tropical areas.

Sincerely,

*Alex R. Ababio*

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*Any reprints on Polio in Africa  
Parts of the World.*