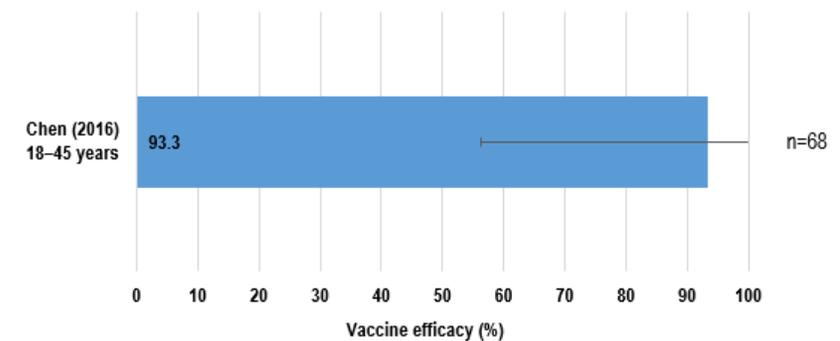
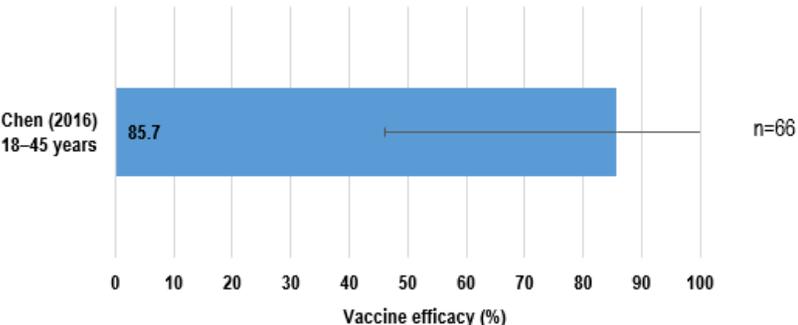
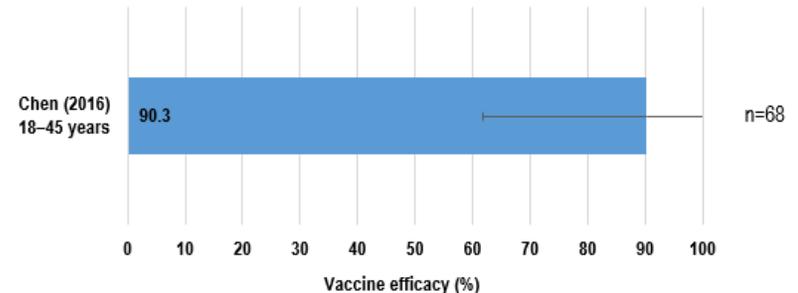
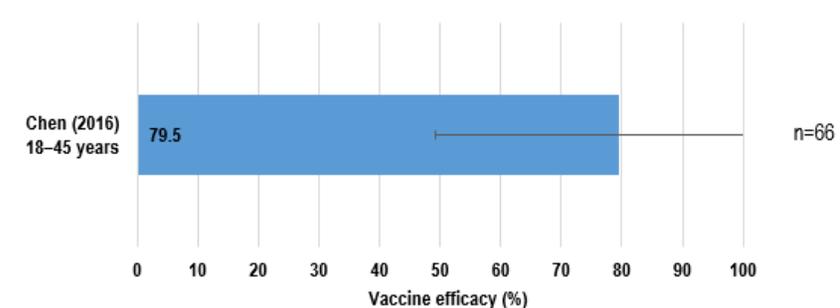


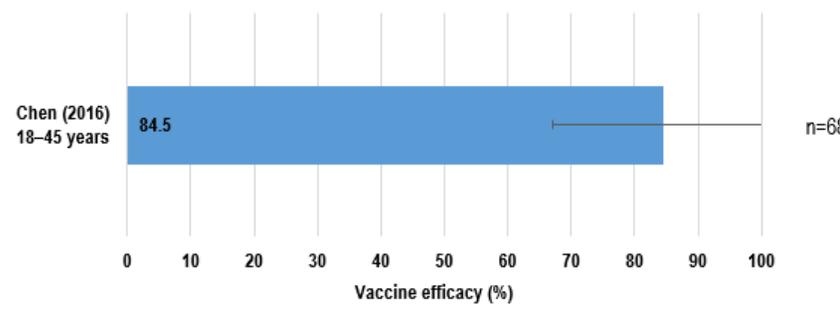
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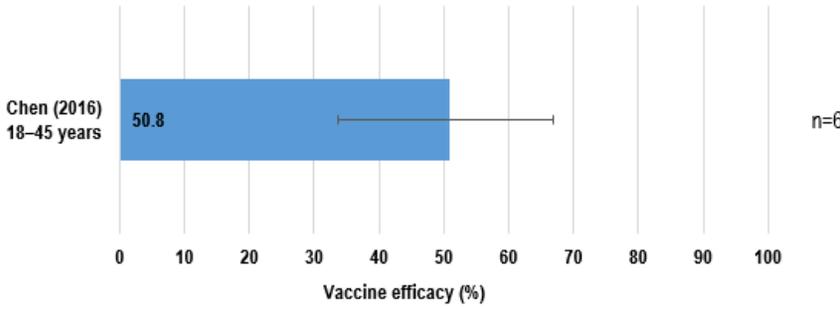
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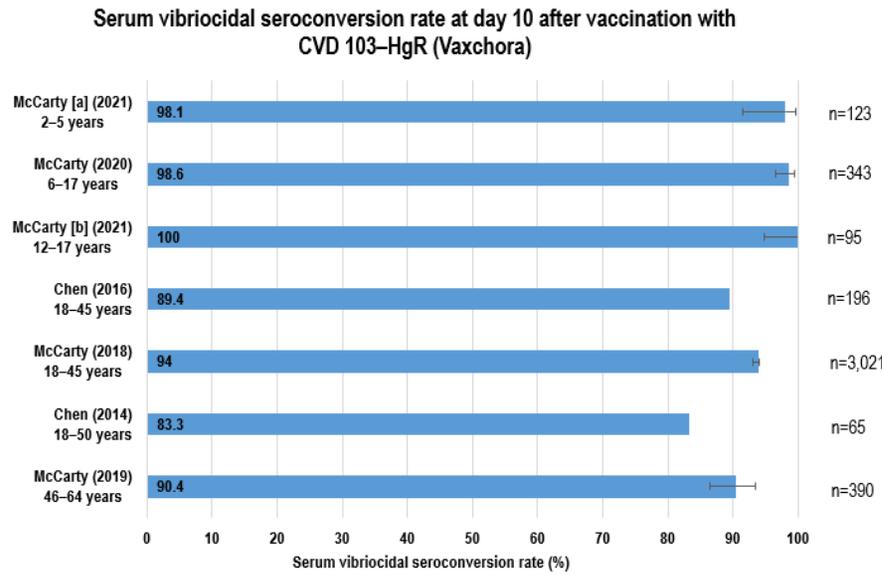
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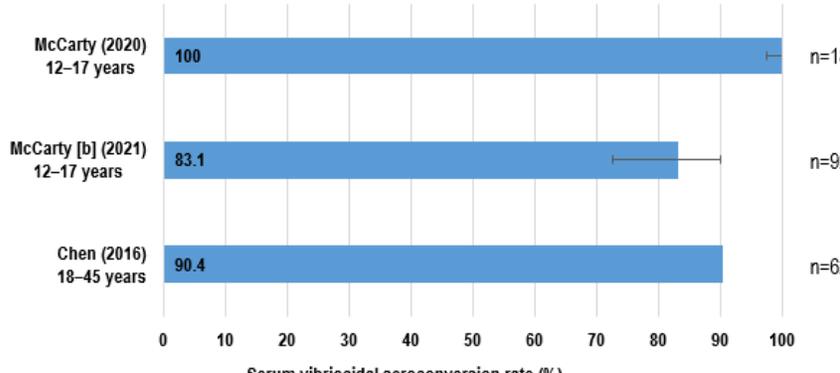
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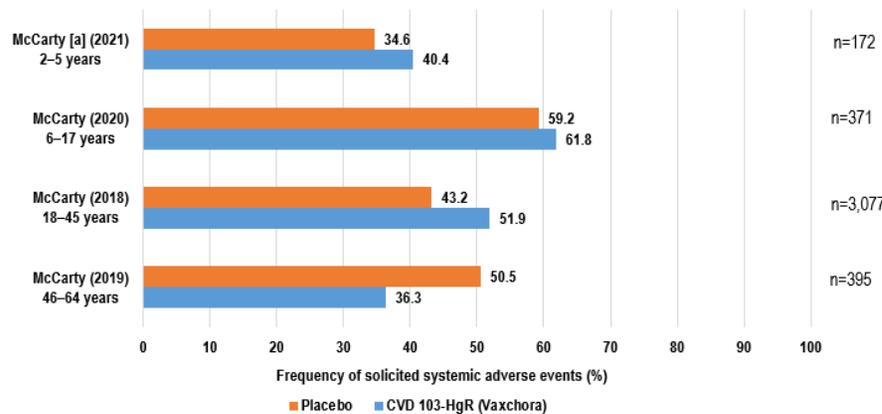
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GRADE Working Group grades of evidence

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GRADE evidence profile

Evidence profile: CVD 103–HgR (Vaxchora) compared with placebo in children and adults aged ≥2 years who have a high risk of exposure to cholera

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Efficacy against severe cholera diarrhoea (follow-up: 10 days; assessed with: ≥5.0 L of cumulative diarrhoeal stool)

1	Randomised trials	Not serious	N/A ^a	Not serious	Serious ^b	None	1/35 (2.9%)	13/33 (39.4%)	Vaccine efficacy against severe cholera diarrhoea in healthy adults aged 18–45 years was observed to be 93.3% (95% CI: 56.2–100%) at 10 days post-challenge. ¹	⊕⊕⊕○ Moderate	CRITICAL
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Efficacy against severe cholera diarrhoea (follow-up: 90 days; assessed with: ≥5.0 L of cumulative diarrhoeal stool)

1	Randomised trials	Not serious	N/A ^a	Not serious	Serious ^b	None	2/33 (6.1%)	15/33 (45.5%)	Vaccine efficacy against severe cholera diarrhoea in healthy adults aged 18–45 years was observed to be 85.7% (95% CI: 46.2–100%) at 90 days post-challenge. ¹	⊕⊕⊕○ Moderate	CRITICAL
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Efficacy against moderate or severe cholera diarrhoea (follow-up: 10 days; assessed with: ≥3.0 L to ≥5.0 L of cumulative diarrhoeal stool)

1	Randomised trials	Not serious	N/A ^a	Not serious	Serious ^b	None	2/35 (5.7%)	20/33 (60.6%)	Vaccine efficacy against moderate or severe cholera diarrhoea in healthy adults aged 18–45 years was observed to be 90.3% (95% CI: 61.7–100%) at 10 days post-challenge. ¹	⊕⊕⊕○ Moderate	CRITICAL
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1	Randomised trials	Not serious	N/A ^a	Not serious	Not serious	None	5/35 (14.3%)	30/33 (90.9%)	Vaccine efficacy against mild or worse severity cholera diarrhoea in healthy adults aged 18–45 years was observed to be 84.5% (95% CI: 67.0–100%) at 10 days post-challenge. ¹	⊕⊕⊕⊕ High	CRITICAL
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1	Randomised trials	Not serious	N/A ^a	Not serious	Not serious	None	15/33 (45.5%)	31/33 (93.9%)	Vaccine efficacy against mild or worse severity cholera diarrhoea in healthy adults aged 18–45 years was observed to be 50.8% (95% CI: 33.6%–66.8%) at 90 days post-challenge. ¹	⊕⊕⊕⊕ High	CRITICAL
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Serious adverse events (follow-up: mean 180 days; assessed with: frequency of serious adverse events at follow-up)

6	Randomised trials	Serious ^e	Not serious	Not serious	Not serious	None	n/3715 (No numerator available for 3 studies, 18 events reported in other studies)	n/642 (No numerator available for 3 studies, 4 events reported in other studies)	All six studies reported no study or vaccine-related SAEs in either arm. ¹⁻⁶ In the three RCTs that reported numerical results, rates of SAE ranged between 0%–0.6% in the vaccine arm compared with range 0%–3.8% in placebo. ^{3,5,6} Two of these studies reported a slightly higher rate of SAE in the placebo arm. ^{3,6} The other study reported a slightly higher rate of SAE in the vaccine arm compared with placebo. ⁵	⊕⊕⊕○ Moderate	CRITICAL
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Serum vibriocidal antibody seroconversion rate (follow-up: 10 days; assessed with: ≥4-fold vibriocidal antibody titre rise against classical Inaba over baseline)

7	Randomised trials	Not serious	Not serious	Not serious	Not serious	None	3370/3597 (93.7%)	17/636 (2.7%)	Significantly higher serum vibriocidal antibody (SVA) seroconversion rate was observed in the vaccine arm compared with placebo at the day 10 time point (range of vaccine response rate 83.3%–100% in the vaccine arm compared with 0%–4% in the placebo arm). ¹⁻⁷ SVA seroconversion rates were non-inferior at day 10 in the age-related immune-bridging studies when compared to the 18–45-year age group. ^{1,3-6}	⊕⊕⊕⊕ High	IMPORTANT
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Serum vibriocidal antibody seroconversion rate (follow-up: 180 days; assessed with: ≥4-fold vibriocidal antibody titre rise against classical Inaba over baseline)

3	Randomised trials	Not serious	Not serious	Not serious	Serious ^b	None	233/254 (91.7%)	2/80 (2.5%)	<p>Significantly higher SVA seroconversion rate was observed in the vaccine arm compared with placebo at the day 180 time point (range of vaccine response rate 83.1–100% in the vaccine arm compared with 0%–2% in the placebo arm).^{1,5,7}</p> <p>There was some variability between the two studies in adolescents aged 12–17 years, with one study reporting a SVA seroconversion rate of 100% and the other reporting a SVA seroconversion rate of 83.1% at the day 180 time point.^{5,7}</p>	⊕⊕⊕○ Moderate	IMPORTANT
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Solicited systemic adverse events (follow-up: range 1 days to 7 days; assessed with frequency of solicited reactogenicity for any event)

4	Randomised trials	Not serious	Serious ^d	Not serious	Not serious	None	1784/3498 (51.0%)	236/517 (45.6%)	Most studies (3/4) reported higher systemic reactogenicity in the vaccine arm compared with placebo (range 36.3–61.8% in vaccine arm; 34.6–59.2% in placebo; no 95% CI reported, unable to assess overlapping). ³⁻⁶ There was variability between the 2 studies that reported p-values, with one finding significantly higher solicited systemic AE in the vaccine group, and the other finding significantly higher solicited systemic AE in placebo. ^{3,4}	⊕⊕⊕○ Moderate	IMPORTANT
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Evidence to Decision (EtD) Framework: CVD 103–HgR (Vaxchora) compared with placebo in children and adults aged ≥2 years who have a high risk of exposure to cholera

Should CVD 103-HgR (Vaxchora) be used in children and adults aged ≥2 years who have a high risk of exposure to cholera?					
Population	Children and adults aged ≥2 years who have a high risk of exposure to cholera				
Intervention	CVD 103–HgR (Vaxchora)				
Comparison	Placebo				
Main outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Efficacy against severe (≥5.0 L) cholera diarrhoea (day 10 and day 90) • Efficacy against moderate (≥3.0 L) or severe (≥5.0 L) cholera diarrhoea (day 10 and day 90) • Efficacy against mild or worse severity cholera diarrhoea (day 10 and day 90) • Serious adverse events (SAE) (to day 180) • Serum vibriocidal antibody (SVA) seroconversion rate (≥4-fold vibriocidal titre rise over baseline) against classical Inaba (day 10 and day 180) • Any solicited systemic adverse events (to day 7) 				
Setting	Global high-income settings (US and Australia)				
Perspective	Individual				
ASSESSMENT					
Problem					
<i>Is the problem a priority?</i>					
Don't know	Varies	No	Probably no	Probably yes	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no risk of cholera in Australia, but cholera can be brought back to Australia by children and adults travelling to cholera-endemic areas.⁸ • Routine cholera vaccination of travellers is not recommended, as risk to travellers is very low, despite cholera being endemic in some countries that Australians visit. Other measures, such as ensuring access to safe food and water, are more important than vaccination to prevent cholera.^{8,9} Cholera vaccination is recommended for travellers who have a high risk of exposure to cholera. • There is a currently available cholera vaccine (Dukoral [inactivated vaccine]) option in Australia. 					

Desirable effects				
<i>How substantial are the desirable anticipated effects?</i>				
Don't know	Varies	Trivial	Small	Moderate
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall, there is evidence for efficacy against different severities of cholera diarrhoea up to day 90 post-vaccination.¹ Most evidence of antibody persistence is based on immunogenicity data to 180 days (6 months) post-vaccination in people aged 12–45 years. There appears to be little to no difference in serum vibriocidal antibody seroconversion rates at 180 days after vaccination with CVD 103–HgR.^{1,5,7} A long-term immunogenicity sub-study in adolescents aged 12–17 years (n=73) assessed SVA seroconversion rates in vaccinees (no placebo comparator) for 2 years.^{7,9} Long-term SVA seroconversion rates: 68.6% (95% CI: 57–78.2%) on day 364; 73.1% (95% CI: 61.5–82.3%) on day 546; and 64.5% (95% CI: 52.1–75.3) on day 729. There is no evidence available for long-term immunogenicity or efficacy in young children or older adults. 				
Undesirable effects				
<i>How substantial are the undesirable anticipated effects?</i>				
Don't know	Varies	Large	Moderate	Small
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were no vaccine-related SAE reported in the included studies. Undesirable effects include systemic adverse events overall. In comparison, some studies show rates are slightly higher than those seen after placebo, but there is variability in these results and CVD 103–HgR (Vaxchora) likely results in little to no difference in undesirable effects compared with placebo. As CVD 103–HgR (Vaxchora) is a live, attenuated oral vaccine, stool shedding and household transmission for up to 7 days were investigated in a phase 1 RCT.² The study found that over 7 days, 11.1% (6/54) vaccinees had positive stool shedding (4 of these occurred on day 7). No instances of transmission of the vaccine strain to household contacts were detected in the stool culture up to day 7.² 				
Certainty of evidence				
<i>What is the overall certainty of the evidence of effects?</i>				
No included studies	Very low	Low	Moderate	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certainty of evidence is moderate due to imprecision as some studies had small (<400) sample sizes and may not be powered to detect a difference between vaccine and placebo groups No immunogenicity or safety data in infants (<2 years) or older adults (≥65 years) for the current formulation of CVD 103–HgR (Vaxchora) No immunogenicity or safety data in immunocompromised populations for the current formulation of live, attenuated CVD 103–HgR (Vaxchora) cholera vaccine. There is limited evidence in HIV-positive participants using the previous formulation¹⁰ No immunogenicity or safety data of current formulation of CVD 103–HgR (Vaxchora) in cholera-endemic populations No evidence on co-administration of current formulation CVD 103–HgR (Vaxchora) live, attenuated cholera vaccine with other vaccines or medications 				

Values						
<i>Is there important uncertainty about or variability in how much people value the main outcomes?</i>						
Important uncertainty	Possibly important uncertainty or variability	Probably no important uncertainty or variability			No important uncertainty or variability	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unlikely to be important uncertainty in how people value protection against cholera disease No research identified in search that addresses this; additionally, cholera vaccination is optional and not routinely recommended 						
Balance of effects						
<i>Does the balance between desirable and undesirable effects favour the intervention or the comparison?</i>						
Don't know	Varies	Favours the comparison	Probably favours the comparison	Does not favour either the intervention or the comparison	Probably favours the intervention	Favours the intervention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall benefits of efficacy against mild or worse severity cholera diarrhoea probably outweigh the trivial (or small) frequency of systemic adverse events. There is evidence of persistence of protection to 180 days post-vaccination in some age groups. Undesirable effects are minor and CVD 103–HgR (Vaxchora) likely results in little to no difference in undesirable effects compared with placebo. 						
Acceptability						
<i>Is the intervention acceptable to key stakeholders?</i>						
Don't know	Varies	No	Probably no	Probably yes		Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptability* and palatability assessed in the paediatric and adolescent trials^{5,6} Found acceptable by 95.3% of vaccinees aged 6–17 years and by 82.7% of vaccinees aged 2–5 years Palatability: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 6–17 years, was rated as very bad (14.4%), bad (25.1%), neutral (31.7%), good (17.6%) or very good (11.3%) in vaccinees.⁵ Sweetener was added by 91.8% of vaccinees. Of participants with unacceptable dosing, palatability was reported as 'very bad' by 80% of vaccinees. Addition of Pure Via[®] stevia sweetener did not improve participants' opinions regarding treatment palatability In 2–5 years, was rated by caregivers as very good, good, or neutral by 62.3% of vaccinees.⁶ Optional PureVia[®] stevia sweetener was added to all but one of the doses; thus, assessment of its effect on palatability was not possible Travel medicine providers and medical associations are likely the other stakeholders impacted; no evidence identified on acceptability of CVD 103–HgR (Vaxchora) to these stakeholders Live, attenuated CVD 103–HgR (Vaxchora) is a 1-dose cholera vaccine (Dukoral [inactivated cholera vaccine] is 2 doses for >6 years and 3 doses for 6 years and under). The 1-dose vaccine may be more acceptable to providers and Australians recommended to receive a cholera vaccine 						

Feasibility				
Is the intervention feasible to implement?				
Don't know	Varies	No	Probably no	Probably yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No direct evidence identified for this issue Optional vaccine, not routinely recommended; only recommended for those at high risk of cholera The vaccine could be made up at home or in a travel medicine clinic Dose preparation may be easier at a travel clinic than at home if instructions are complex or if large quantities of sweetener needs to be added Potential for dosing errors in children aged <6 years due to the difference in instructions for CVD 103–HgR (Vaxchora): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For children aged <6 years: Discard half the reconstituted buffer solution, then add the active component for a total dose of 50 mL For children and adults ≥6 years: Make the reconstituted buffer solution, then add the active component for a total dose of 100 mL A 1-dose vaccine may be easier to stock 				

*Acceptability defined as consuming entire volume vaccine within 15 minutes (6–17 years) or consuming ≥80% of vaccine dose (2–5 years)

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