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## IMMUNIZATION SIDE EFFECTS IN IRAQI CHILDREN YOUNGER THAN TWO YEARS

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### ABSTRACT

Vaccination side effects addressed in this study were included fever, pain, diarrhea, rash, headache, and paralysis. The aims of this study are to determine the common immunization side effect in Iraqi children. A cross sectional prospective survey was carried out among 528 Iraqis parents. Translated and validated questionnaire were administered to parents, it consisted of multiple choice questions. The questions were related to the immunization side effects in children. More than 87% of parents agreed that fever is the most common side effect of immunization, while 93.6% of parents weren't known any idea about paralysis as one of the immunization side effect as shown in Table 1. This is the first of this kind of study in Iraq. The study recommended increasing the parents and physician's knowledge on vaccines side effect through media program or through increasing the literacy to decrease the immunization risk and to increase the benefit of the vaccination.

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