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Dear Dr. Newmark,

We are writing to submit an updated version of the manuscript, "Impact of the Introduction of Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine On Immunization Coverage Among Infants". The sole change to the manuscript is a re-ordering of the Tables section to integrate descriptions of Tables included in the main manuscript document and Tables included as Additional Files in the submission; we hope that this change will facilitate reading of the manuscript by potential reviewers. The substantive content of the manuscript has not changed from the original submission.

As we had stated previously, in this study, we found that the introduction of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine has not reduced the probability of children being up-to-date for other recommended childhood vaccines in four geographically diverse health plans. These results are important for clinicians and policymakers because several new vaccines are under consideration. Our findings provide reassurance that immunization coverage rates do not necessarily fall as new vaccines are introduced.

Thank you again for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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