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To the Editor

Manuscript submission: ¿Improving immunisation rates in high risk children: A comparison of populations vaccinated in a public service and in a private hospital setting in the same area¿.

Dear Editor:

Thank you for comments provided by the Journal referees. According to their suggestions we extensively reviewed the paper and improved English language.

The modifications we made are as follows:

1. We added in the methods paragraph information on vaccination policies, as
suggested by reviewer Mary Patricia Nowalk;

2. We better explained indications and contraindications for each immunization as suggested by reviewer Mary Patricia Nowalk;

3. We assessed timeliness (delay) for routine vaccinations (DtaP, HBV, Polio, Hib) according to national schedule as suggested by reviewer Mary Patricia Nowalk;

4. We changed the title of the manuscript to better reflect the comparison of two populations attending two different type of providers as suggested by reviewer Mary Patricia Nowalk;

5. We also better explained the objectives of the study and indicated that evaluation of determinants of timeliness was a secondary objective as suggested by reviewer Lawrence E. Barker

6. Regarding the collection of some informations, such as the income level of parents, they were not detected in the interview to maintain privacy (reviewer Mary Patricia Nowalk);

7. Results include now percentages as well as numbers (reviewer Mary Patricia Nowalk);

8. We addressed the reasons for unavailability of some vaccines in relation to national recommendations as suggested by reviewer Mary Patricia Nowalk;

9. We added a figure to describe the co-operation rate of parents interviewed as suggested by reviewer Lawrence E. Barker;

10. Table 2 was reviewed and corrected as suggested by reviewer Lawrence E. Barker;

11. We also reconciled Inconsistencies in the use of periods or commas (reviewer Lawrence E. Barker)

We hope that our manuscript will be now suitable for review and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely

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