Reviewer's report

Title: Major reduction of malaria morbidity with combined vitamin A and zinc supplementation in young children in Burkina Faso: A randomized double blind trial

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Revision suggestions

Major compulsory revisions

- Background: Previous works suggesting the beneficial effects of zinc against malaria

- Method: Add the description of the method used to measure Hemoglobin and the one used to express the genomic mean density of P. falciparum.

Discrortionary revision:
Methods: according to me, given the importance of the actual spreading of Sulfadoxince/Pyrimethamine resistant P. falciparum strains in Malaria endemic area including west Africa, we need to know if special precautions were placed to minimize the bias that could be due to the failure of treatment by this drug. Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.