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PART 1:

Journal Name:	International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE & Health
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Title of the Manuscript:	Timeliness and out-of-sequence vaccination among young children in Burkina Faso – Analysis of Health and Demographic Surveillance System (HDSS) data

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PART 2: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments		
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	1) There are in Burkina Faso mandatory vaccinations? 2) I presume that all 7,644 recorded for vaccination by means of vaccination card have completed all vaccination schedules. Is it correct?	Yes Your presumption is not strictly correct. Having a vaccination card is an indication of possible vaccination but does not imply necessarily that the child has completed all vaccinations. Furthermore, the completion of vaccination schedule is age-dependent. Children aged less than nine months in our study population are not likely to have completed it. Older children may also not have completed it because of drop-out
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	This is an observational study on the adherence of a children population to vaccine schedules in terms of timeliness or out-of-sequence vaccinations. It is relevant the effort of the Public Office to increase the adherence to vaccination schedule because the timeliness is essential to achieve the immune-coverage. This preliminary study should be the basis for a comprehensive research on the immune-coverage especially noting the possible differences in antibody levels (or in term of prevalence of protective antibodies) in vaccine recipients adhering or not to vaccination schedule.	We thank the reviewer for this suggestion