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PART 1:

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PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
<p>In track changes I have suggested a number of small edits to the article. These are optional, but I hope that the authors will consider them.</p> <p>Personally, I feel that there are two limitations to the study design that should be acknowledged in the article. (1) The fact that participants were recruited in the health facilities means that all participants were already users of health services and thus more likely to be well-disposed towards immunization. Thus, the findings do not apply to mothers who do not bring their children to government health services (other than possibly for medical emergencies)...those who have poor access, fear or don't understand the need for vaccination, etc. (2) The fact that the researchers made the calls is a real limitation on the feasibility of a reminder system, because the study did not show if the health facility staff were willing and able to make reminder calls or if they would make such calls effectively.</p> <p>The study had two important findings: all mothers coming to the facility do have access to cell phones, and almost all were willing to be reminded. There is some, but not conclusive, evidence that the reminders contributed to higher and more timely coverage.</p>	

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