Reviewer’s report

Title: Self-medication and non-doctor prescription practices in Pokhara valley, western Nepal: a questionnaire based study PR Shankar, P Partha, N Shenoy

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1. In Methods section paragraph 2, the phrase "Simple random sampling" is an inadequate description. Was some list of individuals or households compiled and selection made from the list? Or what?
2. The response rate of 61.5% is exceptionally low for a survey in Nepal. Some explanation should be given.
3. In the discussion paragraph 2, it is noted that those living more than 30 minutes travel time from a health post or medical store were more likely to resort to self-medication. This result appears inconsistent with the result in table 4 that urban respondents were more likely than rural ones to use self-medication. (Presumably urban dwellers live relatively close to a health post.) This inconsistency needs to be resolved.

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