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. The paper is much better & now in principle acceptable.

2. The authors must add the English version of their questionnaire and record form - which they said they would do, but have not.

3. The paper also needs copy editing:

4. I think all percentages should be rounded to the nearest whole number -it is absurd pseudoprecision to use decimals of a percent.

5. The newly added para near the end of p10 compares the mean no of medicines used used in a Latin American study [1.23 pp/6 mo] & those in the reported Nepalese study [1.13 pp/6 mo], and says the Nepalese figure appears to be lower. I doubt whether there is any real difference, and this comment should not be allowed to stand. It would be much better if the authors reported the mode instead of the mean for each study. If the Latin American paper does not give this, they should at least report it for their Nepalese study.

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None declared.