Reviewer's report

Title: Do general practitioners adhere to the guideline on infectious conjunctivitis? Results of the Second Dutch National Survey of General Practice

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Major points regarding the manuscript
1. The authors should provide in the backdrop of infectious etiologies of conjunctivitis other forms such as, but not limited to allergic. This should be in the form of prevalence data from the database. This would provide the reader the proper background to the prescription practice for infectious conjunctivitis.
2. The authors critically need to add information about the use of combination antibiotic/steroid medications (Table reflect with and without antibiotics - needs to be clarified i.e. 1 with 4 without) for the treatment of infectious conjunctivitis. Also include comments from the guidelines on this practice as well as one may be able to "assume" it is quite low from the data presented in the tables.

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.