Reviewer’s report

Title: Potentially inappropriate prescribing among older people in three neighboring regions: a comparative study.

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Major Compulsory Revisions
Comment 1
Polypharmacy was defined as the use of 4 or more repeated medications. This definition is not supported by any references. In the scientific literature, polypharmacy is usually defined as the use of 5 or more medications. The authors should support their choice to use a cut-point of 4 by providing some references or describing the reasons for adopting such a cut-point.

Comment 2
It should be useful and interesting to know the demographic and clinical characteristics of the study sample and which characteristics other than polypharmacy are related to inappropriate drug use. I think you could add a table about the general information of sample (percentage: sex, age, diseases).

Minor Essential Revisions
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The authors should underline in the title which are the three neighboring regions.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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' below.