Reviewer’s report

Title: Trends in antibiotic use among outpatients in New Delhi, India

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Clearly, the authors have done a good job to improve this paper.

Major compulsory revisions:
- I think that the paper needs another revision, with a focus on language/grammar issues and with the aim of reducing the text substantially. The paper is too lengthy, in my view. For example, the section that starts at the second half of page 9 and continues until page 10, could be reduced.
- In the methods section, the authors provide some explanations for suboptimal data collection (such as why less than 30 exit interviews have been conducted with patients attending private sector clinics). I think it would be more appropriate to shift these explanations to the discussion section, in a paragraph where the study limitations are discussed.
- The discussion section is very long and could be improved by elaborating more critically about the most important findings, while leaving the less important findings aside.
- I think that there are still too many figures.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

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.