Reviewer's report

**Title:** Drug use and associated factors among pregnant mothers attending antenatal care at governmental health centers in Bahir Dar city administration, Northwest Ethiopia, cross sectional study.

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**Reviewer:** Hans V Hogerzeil

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**Major compulsory revisions**

1) The whole article is useful and interesting, but too long. There are too many repetitions. For example, most information of the tables is also given in the text; that is not needed. It should be shortened.

2) There are new data presented in the Discussion - e.g. the nature of the D and X drugs. That information should move to the Results section

3) No page numbering - very inconvenient

4) I would like to see more information on the exact nature and numbers of the D and X drugs, and whether they were given in the 1-2-3 trimester.

5) I would suggest that more information is given on the question whether the D and X drugs are given equally between the various facilities studied; or are they concentrated in 1-2 facilities? That would indicate where training is needed.

6) I would like to know whether there are published treatment guidelines, that discourage the use of these D and X drugs; or perhaps even treatment guidelines that recommend quinine while not mentioning pregnancy as a contraindication?

7) As a recommendation I would suggest the development and publication of national/local guidelines for the use of medicines in pregnancy

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

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I have no competing interests to report