Reviewer’s report

Title: The co-use of conventional drugs and herbs among patients in Norwegian general practice: a cross-sectional study

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Major Compulsory Revisions
1. Was any ethical approval taken before the start of the study?
2. What was there to show that the patients who participated did not do so out of obligations to their GPs
3. I believe the patients should have been informed about the objectives of the study before giving their consent as opposed to what was done
4. More information is needed on how respondents were educated on the general classes of drugs (Table 3) the patients were supposedly on. Having a good education does not assume that the respondent knows that the class of drug he is on is a vasodilator, for example
5. Under Results, what does “Off sick” mean?

Minor Essential Revisions
1. Sentences do not start with figures as done in Results under Abstract
2. Table 4 is not very clear. There are some words that are missing. The authors may decide to use a smaller font size

Discretionary Revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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

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

Declaration of competing interests:
I have no competing interests