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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Minor Essential Revisions
1. Under materials and methods, the authors should state the dates as 11th July till 15th of December, which by the way is longer than the stated 5 weeks

2. Under Questionnaire, 3rd paragraph, last sentence. “Non-users were defined as those answering that they used herbs earlier or never used”. The question is when is earlier since the definition is someone who had at least herbs less than monthly or periodically. I believe the authors should recast this sentence to give the actual meaning they are trying to portray

3. The last paragraph included part of the results which I do not think is right. See the bold font In the last part of the questionnaire the communication between the patient and health care professionals, motives for use or no use and who recommended use of herbs were obtained (Tables 1 and 5).

4. Under Statistics, 2nd paragraph, it should be “…. with drug-only users including…..”

5. On page 13, after Table 3 “Of these, 18 were identified of being at risk of clinical relevant interactions (in bold, Table 4.). What does “(in bold Table 4)” stand for? This is also found on page 18.

6. Last line under Results,” … drug users…” may not be the right phrase to use

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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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