Reviewer's report

Title: Attitude and prevalence of use of herbal medicines among pregnant women in Nigeria

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The manuscript is now greatly improved, and I think only minor clarifications and amendments are required.

The use of 'HM' throughout is distracting - I think it would be better to simply say 'herbal medicine'.

There are still a few minor language issues (mainly grammatical) that need addressing - but possibly the editorial team will bring these to the authors' attention.

In the methods on line 8 of the first paragraph it would be better to say "...deliveries per year, and of these over 70% of the women received at least some antenatal care".

Sample size - there still needs to be a sentence telling us what this sample of 577 has the ability to look at - what figures were put into EpilInfo? Why?

Remove "Language" after "English"

Results
May be better to say "...questionnaires were completed, giving a response rate..."

I think there needs to be a few more paragraphs in the results - i.e. not new information - just spacing to enable easier understanding

I am still not 100% certain as I read the text, especially the last three paragraphs of the results, whether this is about only those women who were taking herbal medicine at the time of the study (so during pregnancy) or whether it was overall - I am sure it is the former - but can this be made clearer in the text.

Discussion - 2nd last sentence in 2nd paragraph needs a reference.
- in the 4th paragraph I think the current data does not so much corroborate the previous local data, rather it finds a higher prevalence

Table 2 - use CM all through or not at all - needs to be consistent - maybe use CM but asterisk it and explain in a footnote to the table. Also suggest no decimal places in % column with such small numbers. % column should be labelled %.
Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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

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'