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Dear Editor,

We thank you for the acceptance in principal to our manuscript for publication in BMC Health Services Research and the opportunity to respond to reviewers’ comments version 2. Please find below our responses to reviewers’ comments and suggestions version 2 with page numbers indicating manuscript changes where appropriate.

We have provided a point-by-point response to the reviewers’ comments. Reviewer’s comments (in bold) are followed by our response to the comments (in normal text). Revisions made in the text in response to the comments are shown using track changes in the manuscript.

Reviewer # 1: Judith Fisher

Minor Essential Revisions:
1. The first sentence on page 14 is unclear, in particular the section "do not compound against prescriptions while the latter do". Please reword to clarify the meaning of this sentence.

The corresponding sentence reframed as

“However Chemist & Druggists' do not prepare (compound) medications against prescriptions while the pharmacies are allowed to do so [20-21,28]. Both are required to display appropriate signage, which was used in this study to identify them. Chemist & Druggists were the majority in this study (99%).”

2. The third line on page 14, seems to be missing "a" between "sell" and "few".

The line corrected as

“In addition there exist general stores that sell a few medicines like analgesics, antipyretics, lozenges etc”

3. In the Conclusions, in the third line - also seems to be missing "a" between "evidence of" and "close relationship". Alternatively, the sentence
could read: "It provides information on the location preference of private sector pharmacies, and evidence of close relationships between provider locations and pharmacy locations."

The third line in the conclusions reframed as

“It provides information on the location of private pharmacies, and evidence of close relationships between provider locations and pharmacy locations”

With these revisions we hereby resubmit our article (MS: 1902663851564637) for further procedures.

With regards.

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