Reviewer's report

**Title:** Outpatient Drug Prescribing Practice in the Rural Township Health Centers in Sichuan Province of West China

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**Major Compulsory Revisions**

Please give more information about township health center and rural preventive health care network in China

Provide information on costs in $ or any other international currency (as well)

The indicators used are WHO indicators - this should be mentioned

What is meant by "The utilization of hormone"? Probably something else is what authors are trying to say (steroids?). For e.g. "COPD and pneumonia prescriptions with hormones were the highest" is not at all clear.

Please provide more information on "national prescription system of China" - is it a National Formulary? (page 6)

"Otherwise, unnecessary use of antibiotics will give rise to side effects, high cost and other problems" (page 6). Add drug resistance

I am not aware of the term "Chinese patent medicine" (I am sure other readers may feel the same); how is it different from Chinese traditional medicine? Please explain.

Disease should be classified as per ATC or any other standard classification. For e.g. "female genital diseases" is not standard

More data on drug use should be given: which drugs, doses, DDDs, etc

**Minor Essential Revisions**

Grammatical errors at several places

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