Reviewer’s report

Title: Providing community-based health practitioners with timely and accurate discharge medicines information.

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Reviewer: Chris Doecke

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Minor Essential Revisions
1. It appears to me that some of the referencing (particularly in the Discussion) is not appropriate for the text it supports.
For example in the third paragraph of the Discussion.
“While our findings are consistent with previous Australian studies (9), the context in which these errors and omissions occur differs.
Reference 9 is http://www.federalfinancialrelations.gov.au/content/national_agreements/Aboriginal
and Torres Strait Islanders_reform/NT.pdf (Accessed 14/3/12) which refers to a broad discussion about closing the gap of disadvantage for aboriginal Australians.
In the next paragraph
“The study hospital’s current policy for discharging patients with 7 days of medications, with an option of an increase supply for patients returning to a remote community, may exacerbate many of the problems identified in this audit (23).”
Reference 23 is SHPA Committee of speciality practice in clinical pharmacy.
A more careful and appropriate alignment of the supporting reference to the text is required.

Discretionary Revisions
1. One concern to me is the 3 year period of time that has elapsed since the data collection period. I feel it would be quite appropriate in the discussion to provide a simple comment on whether or not the new fax system has been able to be sustained and is still successfully operating.
2. I would recommend that examples are given for the clinical significance classifications of “moderate to major” and “major to catastrophic”. Examples are given for “insignificant to minor” and “minor to moderate.”

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely
related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

**Declaration of competing interests:**
I declare that I have no competing interests