Reviewer's report

Title: The policy-practice gap: describing discordances between regulation on paper and real-life practices among specialized drug shops in Kenya

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1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined?
   Yes, well defined.

2. Are the methods appropriate and well described?
   Yes

3. Are the data sound?
   Some gaps and limitations exist but they are upfront about this and make reasonable conclusions from them.

4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition?
   Yes

5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data?
   The discussion is a bit long but it includes relevant information. Would like a little bit more detail in the results section but this is a minor comment.

6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated?
   Yes

7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished?
   Yes

8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found?
   Yes

9. Is the writing acceptable?
   A couple of small typographical errors but otherwise written well.

- Minor Essential Revisions
   The word “predicators” is supposed to be predictors and a few small grammar issues that could be removed through proofreading.
**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:** Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.