Reviewer's report

Title: Influence of mandatory generic substitution on pharmaceutical sales patterns: a national study over five years

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The authors have addressed the key issues. The figures are much more readable now. Now that I can see them more clearly, there is one item that interests me: it appears that for SSRIs the use of substitutables was stable over time while the use of non-substitutables slowly increased. Since the substitutables still make up the bulk of SSRI's, I do not think it is worth having the authors go back and make any more changes, but it is an interesting observation if they wish to pursue it.

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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