Reviewer's report

**Title:** Generic Medicines: Do You Get What You Pay For? A Review Of The Differences And Similarities Between Generic Drugs And Their Proprietary Counterparts, Including Economic Benefits Associated With Usage Of Generic Medicines, Using Ireland As A Case Study.

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**Reviewer:** Zaheer Babar

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Many thanks for sending this article on generic medicines, however there are problems with this paper. It is not clear whether it is a research article or a review article. Even if it is a review article, the review questions are not listed/not clear and no systematic methodology has been followed to collect / review the literature.

The paper itself is very long (about 45 pages), most of the information presented in the article regarding generic medicines is already available, hence the contribution to the existing body of knowledge is not significant. The information presented regarding the Ireland is interesting; however, in the absence of a well-defined research question, it's not clear that how this information does fit in the frame of current article. The article has too many references, however the main problems with the article is the lack of clear objectives and lack of a systematic methodology. In the absence of clear objectives, the section on conclusion is also not very helpful.

Based on these comments, this article can't be accepted for publication.

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**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