Reviewer's report


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Reviewer: David Martinez

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Dear Editor

Thank you for the opportunity to review this interesting and important manuscript. I advise to accept manuscript for publication after Minor Essential Revisions.

The study by Carrasco-Garrido et al., is a retrospective, well designed and performed study, including a large number of individuals from the European Health Interview Survey. The major strength of the study is that provides useful information to increase the knowledge relating to self-medication with these drugs in terms of life style, comorbidity and other health-related variables.

Please find me comments below.

Yours sincerely

Comments to the Author

ABSTRACT
Lines 52, 53, 54, 55: I think better “AOR” than “adj. OR”.

INTRODUCTION:
Line 88: I suggest “first” than “1”.
Line 89: In the same way, I suggest "second" than “2”

METHODS
Line 106: I think better “five” than “5”.
Lines 119, 120, 121: I suggest “two” than “2”
In the same way I suggest changing whenever I appear in the text.
Line 167: Should be added to the measure of association (AOR) the corresponding 95% confidence interval.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION
Line 221: In the next paragraph abbreviations confidence interval (95% CI) should be added after the value of the AOR.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field
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'