Reviewer's report

Title: Consumption of indigenous medicines by pregnant women in North India for selecting sex of the foetus: what can it lead to?

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MAJOR COMPULSORY REVISIONS

1) The Authors report mean contents of different phytoestrogens even though only 30 samples are analyzed and we do not know whether the statistical distribution of those variables is normal. Moreover, a dispersion index (such as SD) is not reported. My suggestion is to indicate median and interquartile range and also to build a table (or plot a graph) in order to show the concentrations of single phytoestrogens found in each sample.

2) lines 186-189 describe part of a method, thus it should be moved to the methods section.

3) lines 190-191 a reference is needed for the recommended dose for dietary function

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