Reviewer’s report

Title: What is in the drug packet? Access and use of non-prescribed poly-pharmaceutical packs (Yaa Chud) in the community in Thailand

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I have few comments that might improve the manuscript.

- I think the concept of self-medication needs further clarification. Self-medication may include many different activities, including the use of illegal substances, use of legal substances without prescription, use of non-pharmaceutical substances etc. It needs clarification (clear definition) what the authors exactly mean when using this term (page 2-3). In fact I'm not 100% sure that self-medication is the right term to be used here, as maybe a more specific term could help understanding.

- Additionally, in many of the above meanings, self-medication is not restricted to low- and middle-income countries as mentioned by the authors (page 3)

- I find the Introduction a bit too lengthy and losing focus at some points. I think it should be more focused on exactly what the authors have examined in their study.

- The second last paragraph of the Introduction should be placed somewhere in the beginning of the manuscript not right before the Methods section. Furthermore, I'd suggest to place the aims at the very end of the Introduction (just before the Methods section).

- I'd suggest to try to re-organize the findings of the study. The presentation is generally interesting, however, quite fragmented with short statement and a lot of short quotes. I'd try to summarize the key findings on a more structured way and underlying them with some (maybe fewer) quotes.

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