Reviewer's report

Title: Evaluation of potential drug-herb interactions among a group of Palestinian patients with chronic diseases

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General Comments:

The authors aimed to evaluate the prevalence of potential drug-herb interactions in patients with chronic diseases and to identify factors associated with these interactions if present. This was investigated in 400 subjects with chronic diseases. The authors concluded that the use of medicinal herbs is a common practice, and some patients had potential 47 drug-herb interactions, which they were not informed about.

The topic of this article seems to be within the scope of the BMC Complementary and Alternative Medicine. It is an article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests. Quality of written English is acceptable for publishing.

Comments per Section of Manuscript:

• Page 6, 2nd paragraph, line 130: it was not clear from the description of the questionnaire items in methodology section that KAP was going to be tested as well?!

• Page 9, 2nd paragraph, line 194: The authors argue that recall bias is hard to avoid in survey studies. However, this can be validated by the use of biochemical markers studies?!

• Page 12-13: Quality of tables
  o Titles of all tables should describe the content fully and accurately
  o Footnote of table should include details of the type of statistical test used
  o Tables (1) and (2): express the frequency of medication and herbs use as number and percentage as stated in the methodology section, line 106
  o Table (3): use a standardize decimal places for all parameters values
  o Table (3): include the unit of age

Decision: I think it needs minor discretionary revision.

Declaration of competing interests: None