Reviewer's report

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

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Major Compulsory Revisions

1) In the abstract, please include actual statistics (proportions, means, etc) instead of just the p-value for line 42-44.

2) The statement, “In general herbs are safer than pharmaceutical items…” on pg 3 line 63 is overly-general and not supported by a reference. In addition, on page 8 lines 186-187 you seem to make a statement that disagrees with this. Please be consistent with your opinion on herbals being generally safe or not.

Minor Essential Revisions

1) Please define what you mean by “severity” on pg 3 line 72. Severity of what?

2) On pg 6 line 141, need a space between 104(43.9%).

3) On pg 7 line 162, need to justify the statement, “The herbs used by the patients in this study are relatively safe.”

Discretionary revisions

1) On pg 4 line 79, delete “the” before Palestinians.

2) On pg 4 line 85, I would recommend switching from “find” to “estimate”.

3) On pg 6 line 124-125. I would just report the number of arthritis patients as opposed to saying, “the same number was the number of arthritis patients.”

4) On page 7 line 166, I would start with “Thus,” instead of “So”.

5) On pg 9 line 197-199, I would separate this into two sentences.

6) On pg 9, line 199-201, I would change to “As expected, the possibility of drug-herb….” and delete “and this is expected” from the end of the sentence.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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.