Reviewer’s report

Title: Evaluation of a new patient consultation initiative in community pharmacy for ear, nose and throat and eye conditions

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Yes - the approach is appropriate

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Yes - experiments and analyses were performed appropriately

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Yes - appropriate statistical analyses have been used in the study

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Yes - the author's interpretation is reasonable

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Probably - with minor revisions

PEER REVIEWER COMMENTS:

GENERAL COMMENTS: This was a very interesting study and one that is very pertinent, especially with the big push for pharmacists to have provider status.(US) The authors have outlined the study well.
ADDITIONAL REQUESTS/SUGGESTIONS:
Again, this was well written study. There are just few items I noted that would help someone not directly related to the study have a better understanding:
1) Were local antibiotic resistance patterns discussed or utilized (e.g., antibiogram)?
2) Is a SLA equivalent to a collaborative practice agreement?
3) Were ISDA guidelines followed for antibiotic preferences? Was a protocol developed to guide prescribing patterns?
4) What does it mean for a pharmacy to have an "accredited consultation" area?
5) Were patients charged for the visit? the test?
6) There was a variety of ages included in results. Was there any age range that was targeted?
7) More about the pharmacist training would be informational. Was there different training for pediatric vs adult participants?
8) If no appointments were needed, how did the pharmacies handle work flow?

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Yes

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Yes

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Yes

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