Reviewer’s report

Title: Overuse of antibiotics for the common cold - attitudes and behaviors among doctors in rural areas of Shandong Province, China

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Minor essential revisions
I would like to note an aspect of one of my comments, which the authors may have overlooked, and a three suggestions for minor revisions.

Comment 3. The prescription data did include the name of the prescribing doctor. The authors should report this limitation and recommend that future researchers collect these data and look at the relationship between a doctor’s knowledge of prescribing practices and their actual prescription.

Abstract –
Page 5- line 2. Replace “almost all doctors” with “most doctors who reported training dates.”
Page 5, line 7. Replace “A diagnosis of common cold was mentioned” with “A diagnosis of common cold was the only diagnosis reported.”

Methods –
Page 9, line 40. Please add a citation for the relevant literature.

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I declare that I have no competing interests.