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Title: Comparing antibiotic self-medication in two socio-economic groups in Guatemala City: a cross-sectional study

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Dear Sir or Madam:
We wish to submit this original research article to BMC Pharmacology and Toxicology as our preferred place for publication. The manuscript describes a quantitative study we carried out comparing antibiotic self-medication in two socio-economic disparate groups in Guatemala City. The information presented in this manuscript has not been previously published.

Self-medication with antibiotics is a public health problem with global impact on antimicrobial resistance and is important when considering the rational use of antibiotics. Few studies in Latin America have described the prevalence and environment surrounding self-medication with antibiotics. Policy developing the role of the pharmacist, and regulations surrounding prescriptions for antibiotics may be developed as a result of describing the environmental and behavioral practice of self-medication with antibiotics—as we aim to do in this manuscript. We believe that public health professionals and scholars, as well as pharmacists, nurses, physicians and policy makers will be interested in the characteristics of self-medication with antibiotics that we present in this manuscript.

We look forward to your review of this article and to comments and suggestions that you may have for improving it for publication.

Thank you for your consideration.

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