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Journal Name:	British Journal of Pharmaceutical Research
Manuscript Number:	Ms_BJPR_25268
Title of the Manuscript:	Self-medication with antibiotics: Empirical evidence from Nigerian rural population
Type of the Article	

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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Compulsory REVISION comments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Period of 12 months is too long for a recall study and it reduces the scientific value 2. Sample size calculation should be supported with evidences/ previous records (at least from another country). Sampling technique is also not much clear . 3. Please mention the inclusion and exclusion criteria clearly 4. Please mention the strategy used to collect data from illiterate participants (those who consent through thumb print) 5. Rearrange the reference list by removing irrelevant and obsolete references. 6. Ethical Issues : Yes, there was no information given about ethical clearance from any ethical evaluation committee. Plagiarism Issues: the researchers have followed a procedure very much similar to the article found the given link . Anyway, the researchers have cited the article. http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2965722/) 	<p>1.Period of recall used was 6 months. A time period of 6 months was chosen to eliminate recall bias amongst those who had used antibiotics and were likely to recall it in this adequate time period, with those who had not used antibiotics and would also clearly remember not having used them.</p> <p>3. Information provided as requested.</p> <p>4. Data were collected from the illiterates through the use of questionnaire printed in English language but translated to local dialects (local language)</p>
Minor REVISION comments	Appearance of the Tables should be formatted and confidence intervals in Table 5 should be edited.	Correction already effected



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	The whole article has to be reformatted with a common font and font size and the alignment should be justified.	Correction already effected
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	The study is on a current topic , yet self-medication is a quite common field of study. The attempt can be highly appreciated. Yet the researchers have become unable to maintain the scientific merit of the study.	