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Type of the Article	Cross sectional study

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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)
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	<p>INFORMATION MEANT FOR INTRODUCTION WERE REPEATED IN THE DISCUSSION. THERE WAS A MIXUP OF PREVALENCE OF SELF-MEDICATION WITH DRUGS GENERALLY AND FOR ANTIBIOTICS SPECIFICALLY. MAY NEED TO REDEFINE SELF MEDICATION WITH ANTIBIOICS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE STUDY. CONTRIBUTION OF PRESENT STUDY TO WHAT IS KNOWN IN THE LITERATURE IS NOT WELL DEFINED. TABLE SHOWING ASSOCIATIONOR NONE BETWEEN SOCIODEMOGRAPHIC VARIABLES AND SELF MEDICATION WAS NOT INCLUDED. THE STUDY DID NOT ADEQUATELY ADDRESS THE OBJECTIVE</p> <p>ABSTRACT</p> <p>Line 2: a Nigerian</p> <p>8: which is a serious</p> <p>18: at least once (delete one time)</p> <p>18&19: separate drug store/chemist from pharmacy sources of drug medication. This is because patent medicine dealers are in larger percentage than trained pharmacist in the rural areas. Hence, they are readily available. May include the table to show this information.</p>	Corrected as suggested by assessor



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	<p>22: replace Un-remitting with unremitting</p> <p>INTRODUCTION</p> <p>35: on the rise</p> <p>52: Replace In Nigeria with In addition ,</p> <p>54-61 Delete from line 54 (in addition.....) to line 61(.....as normal). It does not contribute to the introduction.</p> <p>63-65: Delete from line63 (These studies....) to line 65 (....sore throat). Repetition of line 62.</p> <p>67: Add 'these countries including Nigeria'</p> <p>67-71: Delete from line 67 (In Nigeria....) to line 71 (.....clinical complications)</p> <p>METHODOLOGY</p> <p>- How many questionnaires were distributed [1200 (line 113) or 1225 (line 126)]?</p> <p>- Attach a copy of the informed consent form and questionnaire.</p> <p>RESULT</p> <p>Define the various zones (A,B,C). is it for the purpose of the study or was it based on previous study?</p> <p>How was the health status of your respondents related to your study? Was it respondent or interviewer defined? If the</p>	<p>Corrected as suggested by assessor</p> <p>Corrected as suggested by assessor</p> <p>Corrected as suggested by assessor</p> <p>Believes it contributes</p> <p>Corrected as suggested by assessor</p> <p>Corrected as suggested by assessor.</p> <p>Prefer to retain this statement</p> <p>1200 questionnaire were distributed</p> <p>The zone is a geo-political region divided by geographical area</p> <p>Health status was respondent defined</p>
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	<p>latter, kindly include it.</p> <p>Line 133-134: Would 82.2% be the prevalence of self-medication with antibiotics based on your study definition in your study instrument in line 103-106?</p> <p>Line 133-137: what is the real prevalence of self-medication with antibiotics?</p> <p>DISCUSSION LINE 211-219: Delete from line 211 (To the best of.....) to line 219 (....with antibiotics). It has been summarized in the introduction.</p> <p>Line 219-222 From line 219 (Self medication would....) to line 222 (....Nigeria). Is this your idea or a referenced work? If the latter, kindly quote the reference.</p> <p>Line 225-230: references please. How were these factors reflected in your study? If not, it should be referenced in the introduction not in the discussion.</p> <p>Line 242-244: what do you mean by self-medication with antibiotics (59.9%) and those who ever did so (82.2%) in terms of the objective of your study and the general definition of the word prevalence?</p> <p>Line 249: What is the prevalence of studies done locally for comparison purposes?</p> <p>Line 250-254 Unclear sentences please.</p>	<p>The prevalence is 82.2%</p> <p>The prevalence is 82.2%</p> <p>Statement deleted</p> <p>One's idea</p> <p>Statement corrected</p> <p>No local study for comparison</p> <p>Statement re-casted</p>
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	<p>Kindly recast.</p> <p>Line 262 Delete references 53 and 55 and retain 48.</p> <p>Line 266-267: Any local studies for sources of self administered drugs?</p> <p>Line 289: Any local study(ies) citing economic reasons as a cause of self-medication with antibiotics?</p> <p>LIMITATIONS Add out of sight interview may not be possible as the respondents may overhear the response of each other especially the non-educated ones?</p> <p>REFERENCES Reference 11 was repeated in 49.</p>	<p>Done as suggested</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>Corrected</p>
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	<p>INTRODUCTION WAS TOO LONG. A REFERENCE WAS REPEATED. MAY NEED TO REARRANGE THE REFERENCE. MAY NEED TO CHECK FOR LOCAL REFERENCES (e.g African Journal On Line-AJOL) ADDRESSING THE PROBLEM FOR PROPER COMPARISON.</p>	
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	<p>THE TOPIC IS PROPER FOR THE STUDY</p>	