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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(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)</i>
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	The statistics stated do not support trends or predications. A thorough report of the statistics used for example which inferential statistics were used and where, should be included. Herbal medications, self-medications, orthodox medications and over the counter medications should be clearly defined. Lists of each would help, if not available then examples of each. Use of medications (each type) can be predicted with regression analysis using age, parity, education and religion as covariates.	
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	The document includes spelling errors, and missing articles. I suggest the paper be proof read and edited by someone with strong English writing skills. Line 15-21 Both DES and thalidomide were prescription drugs. Is there any evidence for self medication and outcomes with non-prescription meds or herbals? Line 23-25 "The herbal dimension of self-medication among pregnant women deserves great concern especially when we consider the cultural relevance, availability and affordability of traditional remedies in the light of severe economic crises." Please explain this. Why economic crises? Line 42 collate- collated	



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	Line 44 Explain “over the counter medicines used as indicator drugs” Line 45 the current pregnancy Line 46 “fifth section of the questionnaire assessed self-medication practice with social drugs: alcohol, cigarette, cocaine, <i>Cannabis sativa</i>, coffee, <i>cola nitida</i> and tramadol” Tramadol is a prescription med in Canada, pregnancy risk not ruled out. Is this tramadol women might have at home from a previous doctor’s visit? Line 57 Please explain which inferential statistics were used. Line 61 Was there a difference in self- medication according to age, parity, education, religion? Line 66 “The” majority Figure 1 Gestational Age or Trimester, not usually referred to as “Age of Pregnancy.” Pie chart is unnecessary. Line 81 Clearly define orthodox medicine- is it prescription or OTC, List herbal medicines used. Line 96 Typo in Table 2, vero should be very Line 101 Please explain the statistical tests used for Table 3. Line 121 add “the” Line 130 influences should be influence Line 131 consolation – do you means consultation? If consolation, why? Line 138 Add “the”	
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	Interesting paper.	

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