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Journal Name:	Asian Journal of Medicine and Health
Manuscript Number:	Ms_AJMAH_127378
Title of the Manuscript:	Tackling the Burden of Substandard and Falsified Medicines and Health Technologies in the wake of Poor Regulatory Environment in Somaliland and Somalia
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PART 1: Review Comments

Compulsory REVISION comments	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	This manuscript addresses a pressing and underexplored issue of substandard and falsified (SF) medicines in Somaliland and Somalia, regions with unique challenges due to limited regulatory frameworks. Its focus on practical interventions and reliance on WHO benchmarking tools adds scientific value. The study is critical for guiding policy reforms and improving public health outcomes in similar low-resource settings. I appreciate its integration of field data and global practices, though more actionable recommendations would enhance its impact.	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	The title is descriptive but can be simplified for broader appeal.	
Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.	The abstract effectively outlines the scope of the manuscript but can be improved by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Briefly summarizing the core findings, including key actions taken by the regulatory authorities. Highlighting actionable recommendations for improving regulatory frameworks and laboratory capacities. 	
Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?	The manuscript is well-structured with logical subsections, but some areas require better organization: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consolidate related findings into cohesive themes, such as challenges, regulatory gaps, and interventions. Separate "Findings" into distinct sections for better readability. Consider including a dedicated conclusion section summarizing key points and future implications. 	
Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	The manuscript is scientifically robust, utilizing recognized tools like the WHO Global Benchmarking Tool and incorporating primary survey data. It thoroughly explains the gaps in regulatory and laboratory frameworks. However, statistical data sources need clearer attribution, and some claims would benefit from supporting references or additional data.	
Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form. :	The references are generally relevant but include some outdated sources. Incorporate more recent studies (post-2020), especially those highlighting global efforts in tackling SF medicines. Suggested additional references: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent WHO publications on SF medicine mitigation. Case studies from countries with similar challenges (e.g., Kenya or Uganda). 	

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Minor REVISION comments Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	The manuscript's language is mostly clear but requires refinement for scholarly communication. Simplify overly complex sentences and correct minor grammatical errors. Enhance figure captions to provide context and relevance to the manuscript's findings.	
Optional/General comments	<input type="checkbox"/> Add a section elaborating on the socioeconomic impacts of SF medicines in Somaliland and Somalia to provide a holistic perspective. <input type="checkbox"/> Include a brief stakeholder analysis to show how various actors (government, private sector, and international bodies) contribute to the regulatory framework.	

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	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)
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