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Journal Name:	<b>Asian Journal of Research in Medical and Pharmaceutical Sciences</b>
Manuscript Number:	<b>Original Manuscript_AJRIMPS_117328</b>
Title of the Manuscript:	<b>SELF-MEDICATION AND PATRONAGE OF ORTHODOX MEDICAL FACILITIES AMONG THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE OF YAKURR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA, CROSS RIVER STATE, NIGERIA.</b>
Type of the Article	<b>Original research</b>

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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)
<p><b>Compulsory REVISION comments</b></p> <p><b>1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community?</b> (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</p>	<p><b>The manuscript is important for the study community, but the following points need to be improved</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>(1) The word usage and sentence structures of the whole manuscript should be checked and revised to be Grammatically correct or the authors should consult with an expert in English.</b></li> <li><b>(2) In the abstract, more informative facts should be included, especially the statistical evidence should be included in every significant.</b></li> <li><b>(3) In the introduction, it looks, like the authors discussed the justification according to the basis of their opinion, without strong evidence. (For example, " In Nigeria, and Yakurr Local Government Area of Cross River State in particular, self-medication has engineered social anomalies of violence due to its progressive indulgence by people in our communities. For instance, in Yakurr Local Government Area, the incessant conflict between confraternities and killing and maiming of each other is alarming. This conflict situation has made the communities to be violence-prone. Factors such as poverty, ignorance, illiteracy, etc, are associated with why indigenes of this area increasingly indulge in self-medication. In addition, the reason for the increase in self-medication is the fact that, people in the area are not aware of the short and long-term dangers of self-medication. These is why the increasing population of youth from ages 15 and above, continue to engage every day in practicing self-medication for reasons best known to them. This practice forms the basis of this research which is targeted at the phenomenon of self-medication and patronage of orthodox medical facilities in Yakurr Local Government Area, Cross River State, Nigeria." Another example, " There has been widespread drug abuse in every community in Yakurr Local Government Area. This includes the abuse of narcotics, antibiotics, and analgesics, sedatives and hallucinogens. It has been observed that the primary cause of the phenomenon that affects the lives of a significant number of people in society is self-medication. This is due to several factors which inhibit patients from patronizing health facilities in the Local Government Area. Most drugs are sold over the counter, thereby making the use and misuse of controlled drugs and dangerous drugs freely available. This problem has caused a devastating effect in the physical, emotional and psychological health of the indigenous people of Yakurr Local Government Area."</b></li> <li><b>(4) In fact, the research justification should be revised to include more evidence-based information and argumentation.</b></li> <li><b>(5) In the objectives, the words " self-medication in Yakurr Local Government Area, Cross River State, Nigeria.", are mentioned repetitively, making the readers bored and impacting the academic writing, so the authors should re-summarise.</b></li> <li><b>(6) In the statement of hypotheses, similar writing is found, so should be revised. And, in the first hypothesis, is" the system and self-medication in Yakurr Local Government Area, Cross River State, Nigeria." Is there something wrong?</b></li> <li><b>(7) In the literature review, the recommended strategy of WHO on self-medication and the pros and cons of self-medication should be mentioned to be more comprehensive.</b></li> <li><b>(8) In the subtitle- causes/correlates of self-medication, the explanation of self-medication such as " Self-medication also known as self-provided healthcare behaviors, is generally generated by several motivational factors.", is not comprehensive and need to add more comprehensive definitions with strong evidence.</b></li> <li><b>(9) In the sub-title- Influence of peer group, the meaning of the topic sentence " Friends have the greatest influence on self-medication. The practice of taking hard drugs and related substances such as cocaine, marijuana, etc, occurs in the company of a friend or friends who do not see self-medication as being wrong.", this is not clear and does not</b></li> </ol>	

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<p>2. <b>Is the title of the article suitable?</b> (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p> <p>3. <b>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</b></p> <p>4. <b>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</b></p> <p>5. <b>Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</b></p> <p>6. <b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</b></p> <p><b><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></b></p>	<p>correlate with the following arguments. And, I think that the authors researched to examine the associations between belief, awareness and proximity to medical facilities and self-medication and did not include the influence of peer groups, smoking, alcohol drinking and drug addiction. So, the information discussed in the section of the literature review should reflect the objectives and re-write the section with all relevant information by removing the existing discussion points.</p> <p><b>(10)In the sub-title- Parental influence, similar writing is found and all discussed information is not consistent with the research objectives therefore re-write the section with all relevant information by removing the existing discussion points.</b></p> <p><b>(11)In the sub-title- Influence from Mass Media, similar writing is found and all discussed information is not consistent with the research objectives therefore re-write the section with all relevant information by removing the existing discussion points.</b></p> <p><b>(12)In the section on Global incidence/prevalence of self-medication, more precise incidence/prevalence of self-medication of each country should be comparatively reviewed and to be more interested, a figure showing the comparative data of the countries should be illustrated.</b></p> <p><b>(13)In the research area, the sentence " This area was chosen because self medication is relatively high in this area.", needs to be mentioned high self-medication with strong evidence.</b></p> <p><b>(14) In the methodology section, the ethical consideration and obtaining consent should be mentioned in detail as &lt;18 population included as the study population.</b></p> <p>Yes</p> <p>As mentioned above.</p> <p>Not appropriate, please see the specific comments.</p> <p>Need to be improved.</p> <p>The references are not sufficient.</p>	
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<b>Minor</b> REVISION comments		
1. Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	English quality is not suitable and needs to be improved much and please see the above specific comments.	
<b>Optional/General</b> comments		
	Needs to be improved much for publication.	

**PART 2:**

	<b>Reviewer's comment</b>	<b>Author's comment</b> (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)
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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