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Journal Name:	Journal of Pharmaceutical Research International
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Title of the Manuscript:	Patient Knowledge and Utilization of Over-the-Counter (OTC) Medications: A Comprehensive Study
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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PART 1: Review Comments

Compulsory REVISION comments	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback (Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
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.	Overall, the manuscript tried to depict an important scenario prevailing in the society i.e, knowledge and pattern of use of OTC drugs. However, there are certain sections in the manuscript which lacks clarity. I think the researcher needs to focus on those areas to improve the manuscript.	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	Yes	
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.	There is no mention about the study design & population in methods section of the abstract. Please include it.	
Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?	It would have been appropriate if the author followed the following chronology while writing the 'Methodology' section of the manuscript: Study Design→ the setting→ study period→study participants→ inclusion and exclusion criteria→ sample size→ sampling technique→ study tool→ description of the variables→ ethical issues→ statistical analysis. After that proceed on to 'Results' section	
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Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form. :	References are alright.	

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PART 2:

	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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