

Reviewer 2

Open Review

- ☐ I would not like to sign my review report
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Quality of English Language

- ☐ I am not qualified to assess the quality of English in this paper
☐ English very difficult to understand/incomprehensible
☐ Extensive editing of English language required
☐ Moderate editing of English language
☒ Minor editing of English language required
☐ English language fine. No issues detected

Author comments: Thank you for this comment. We have now been through the manuscript with the help of one of the co-authors with over 500 publications in peer-reviewed Journals and we trust this is now acceptable.

	Yes	Can be improved	Must be improved	Not applicable
Does the introduction provide sufficient background and include all relevant references?	☐	☒	☐	☐
Are all the cited references relevant to the research?	☒	☐	☐	☐
Is the research design appropriate?	☐	☐	☒	☐
Are the methods adequately described?	☐	☒	☐	☐
Are the results clearly presented?	☐	☐	☒	☐
Are the conclusions supported by the results?	☐	☒	☐	☐

Comments and Suggestions for Authors

In this manuscript the authors have studied the antimicrobial dispensing practices during COVID-19 in Pakistan. They undertook this study as understanding what antibiotics are prescribed for what conditions is crucial in reducing AMR.

Author comments: Thank you for this summary – appreciated!

1) Line 43: "reduce" AMR

Author comments: Thank you – now addressed.

2) Line 52: Please confirm the date of first positive case of COVID-19. Feb, 2022 appears wrong.

Author comments: Thank you – now addressed.

3) Line 53-57: Irrelevant to the topic

Author comments: Thank you – we have cut down on some of this. However, we have retained some elements as we believe this helps set the scene for the paper. We hope this is acceptable.

4) Line 76: Disproportionate

Author comments: Thank you – now addressed.

5) Line 107: Reformat 92.

Author comments: Thank you – now addressed.

6) Table 2 needs reformatting. Because the table is divided in two pages, the missing headings on Page 4 makes it hard to comprehend.

Author comments: Thank you – now addressed.

7) Table 2 : Please explain " Encounters supplied".

Author comments: Encounter means the appearance of a patient/customer obtaining a medicine from a drug sale point. Encounters that were dispensed antibiotics were subsequently named as encounters supplied with antibiotics. We have now added in more details to the paper and trust this is now OK.

8) Line 121: Needs reformatting

Author comments: Thank you – now addressed.

9) Comments on the Quality of English Language

English language is fine, other than some minor reformatting of the sentences as mentioned in the comments.

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