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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)
<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	<p>First of all, thank you for giving me the chance to evaluate this work.</p> <p>it is understood that the study is compatible in terms of purpose and result, the narration is fluent and easy to understand, the study was done with the survey entries made in the social media. However, how was the selected study group determined? Was it done randomly? On what basis did you choose which social platforms and the e-mail addresses you sent, and where did you find these e-mail addresses? Has an approval and attempt been made regarding the protection of personal data? Please add these questions to the material method section in general.</p> <p>Why do you think self-medication is troublesome at alarm level? According to the results, the participants used drugs mainly due to pain complaints, based on their previous experiences. And as a result of this use, the rate of admission to the hospital with side effects is low. The fact that more complicated drugs such as antibiotics were not used indicates that this study was conducted with an educated population. The age group distribution of the study cannot be generalized to all people or countries. Therefore, it is recommended to change the title of the study. It is recommended to elaborate and strengthen the material method part.</p> <p>MAJOR REVISION NEEDED</p>	<p>I would like to say thanks to the reviewer for the review of manuscript and giving the genuine comments.</p> <p>Please find below point to point clarification on raised comment.</p> <p>The study was done with the survey entries made in the social media. However, how was the selected study group determined?</p> <p><b>Response:</b> Study group is determined on the basis of literature search, research expertise of the authors as well as ethical committee recommendation.</p> <p>On what basis did you choose which social platforms and the e-mail addresses you sent, and where did you find these e-mail addresses?</p> <p><b>Response:</b> Survey link were disseminated through the social media as well as email. Email we obtained from the college database from where researcher's affiliated. As well as email also received from author's personnel contact.</p> <p><b>Has an approval and attempt been made regarding the protection of personal data?</b> Please add these questions to the material method section in general.</p> <p><b>Response:</b> Done.</p> <p>According to the results, the participants used drugs mainly due to pain complaints, based on their previous experiences. And as a result of this use, the rate of admission to the hospital with side effects is low. The fact that more complicated drugs such as antibiotics were not used indicates that this study was conducted with an educated population.</p> <p><b>Response:</b> I do agree with raised comments. Actually as per our survey title and study we want to assess KAP for Self-medication. Results of presenting study suggest most of people doing self-medication practice for pain, however my concern is if any patient suffer with any kind of pain can't do self-medication practice for long da rather than proper investigation for the reason of pain. Second concern is analgesic is not free to any ADR for example if any patients using analgesic without following any guideline (PPI along with NSAIDs) long day use of any analgesic may create any vital organ damage. I do agree with comments, since most of survey response has been done by that author's personnel contact, the result of this high percentage of respondents are quite younger.</p> <p>Tile of the study mofified as "Evaluation of Knowledge, Attitude and Practice (KAP) about Self-medication among <b>adult</b> population of Eastern province, Saudi Arabia"</p>
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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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