Reviewer's report

Title: Acute adverse events from over-the-counter Chinese Herbal Medicines: A population-based survey of Hong Kong Chinese.

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The authors have done much efforts to improve their manuscript. There are only minor revisions:

Minor revisions:
- Still the abstract does not reflect the content of the full text. The method section should include logistic regression analysis. Otherwise it is not clear where the OR come from.
- The authors have incorporated some articles on ADRs and CAM but state that "these studies were typically conducted on patients who were prescribed complementary and alternative medicine by licensed practitioners and not self-medicating. However some other studies indeed do look at CAM self medicating and should be introduced and discussed, i.e.

Self-medication and non-doctor prescription practices in Pokhara valley, Western Nepal: a questionnaire-based study

Self-Reported Health Characteristics and Medication Consumption by CAM-Users and Nonusers: A Swiss Cross-Sectional Survey

The use of prescription medicines and self-medication among children—a population-based study in Finland

to mention some. There may also be additional actual papers I am not aware of which might be integrated to discuss the results found here.

Regarding Table 4B I would suggest to integrate the different findings in the text and delete table 4b and leave table 4 as it is.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.