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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed our reviewed manuscript entitled “Prescription of antibiotics and anxiolytics/hypnotics to asthma patients in general practice: A cross-sectional study based on French and Italian prescribing data.” for submission in BMC Family Practice, as a research article.

We believe that our article is of interest to an international audience, as prescriptions of antibiotics and anxiolytics/hypnotics to asthma patients is poorly documented, despite their public health impact. Our data illustrate that non-asthma-specific drugs are commonly prescribed to asthma patients in France and Italy, especially in women, and thus general practitioners should make a more rational use of these drugs.

All authors have agreed with the content of the manuscript. The manuscript has been corrected for English language using the service of a professional company.

We made the changes according to the editorial request:

- Title page contain the names, institutions, countries and email addresses of all authors, and the full postal address of the submitting author.
- In the Methods section of the manuscript, we reported the approval of the Ethics committee as followed:
  “This procedure has been approved in France by the National Data Protection Authority (ethics committee) since 2002 (reference number: 770334) and in Italy by the National Data Protection Authority since 2004 (no reference number).”
- We included line and page numbers.
- We changed Introduction to Background
- We included the list of abbreviations
- We moved Acknowledgement after Author’s Contribution
- We included the figure legend at the end of the main manuscript text file the document

We hope that the Editorial Board will find this article of interest for the readers of the Journal.

With best regards,

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