

REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: Comparative Cross-Sectional Study of Dermatological Medical Prescriptions in Morocco between the Public and Private Sectors.

Recommendation:

- Accept as it is
 Accept after minor revision.....
 ✓ Accept after major revision
 Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		✓		
Techn. Quality		✓		
Clarity		✓		
Significance	✓			

Reviewer Name: Dr S. K. Nath

Detailed Reviewer's Report

Strength of the study:

- Relevant dermatology and healthcare topic
- Clear objective for sector comparison
- Prospective observational design
- Reasonable sample of 200 prescriptions
- Public and private sectors are compared
- Prescription numbers and costs are assessed
- Appropriate statistical tests are used
- Results are presented in clear tables
- Study limitations are acknowledged

Weakness of the study:

- Small sample and short study duration
- Sampling method may introduce selection bias
- Patient socioeconomic status was not assessed
- Disease specific prescription patterns were not compared
- Reasons for prescribing differences were not directly evaluated
- Patient outcomes were not assessed
- Prescriptions from some known colleagues were excluded
- Some conclusions are stronger than the data support
- Grammar and writing require editing

Reviewers Comments:

The study addresses an interesting and relevant issue by comparing dermatological prescriptions between public and private sectors. The comparison of medication numbers, cosmetic treatments, medical treatments and prescription costs provides useful descriptive information. However, the study has important limitations. The sample is relatively small and was collected over only six months, while prescriptions were obtained through several sources that may introduce selection bias. The study does not provide disease specific analysis or detailed socioeconomic information, making it difficult to determine whether the observed differences are related to patient characteristics, disease patterns or prescribing practices. Some explanations regarding patient affluence, expectations and financial incentives are speculative and should be presented more cautiously. Ethical clearance and informed consent are not reported and should be clarified. The manuscript also requires improvement in grammar, sentence construction, terminology and formatting. Overall, the topic is worthwhile and the results are interesting, but methodological clarification and careful revision are required before publication.

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An exact title search did not identify the same publication. However, related studies have examined dermatological prescribing patterns and the differences between public and private dermatology practice. The authors should clearly explain the novelty of the Moroccan data and its contribution compared with earlier literature. A formal similarity and plagiarism check is recommended before publication.