

Additional file 6: Source of the recommendation to use herbal medicine in pregnancy, by region and country.

	Percentage of women indicating each recommendation source									
	Total responses	Own initiative	Physician	Family & Friends	Internet	Midwife, nurse	Pharmacy personnel	Magazine or media	Herbal shop	Other**
	N	%*	%*	%*	%*	%*	%*	%*	%*	%*
Total	3,961	28.6	21.6	16.8	11.3	7.8	6.1	3.3	3.0	1.5
Western Europe	1,315	27.6	14.7	18.6	11.3	10.2	7.7	4.0	4.0	2.1
Austria	62	32.3	21.0	11.3	9.7	*	16.1	*	-	*
France	74	29.7	21.6	14.9	9.5	13.5	8.1	2.7	-	-
Italy	305	23.9	27.9	12.5	9.5	4.6	7.9	4.3	9.5	-
Switzerland	405	30.9	17.0	13.1	7.4	10.1	13.8	1.7	3.0	3.0
The Netherlands	9	22.2	33.3	-	*	-	*	*	-	-
United Kingdom	460	26.3	1.5	29.3	16.1	14.6	0.9	5.9	2.4	3.0
Northern Europe	548	31.9	8.6	19.2	15.7	9.1	5.3	3.6	5.7	0.9
Finland	79	39.2	7.6	11.4	13.9	13.9	*	*	6.3	*
Iceland	34	44.1	*	17.6	14.7	14.7	*	-	*	-
Norway	387	27.9	10.1	20.9	17.1	7.8	6.5	4.1	5.4	*
Sweden	48	43.8	*	18.8	8.3	8.3	*	*	8.3	*
Eastern Europe	657	28.0	34.5	13.3	10.3	4.9	5.6	2.6	0.8	*
Croatia	116	34.5	17.2	12.9	10.3	*	15.5	5.2	*	*
Poland	422	19.4	34.8	16.1	9.7	5.2	10.4	2.8	*	-
Russia	971	30.2	38.1	13.1	8.8	5.8	1.9	2.2	-	-
Serbia	71	26.8	36.6	8.5	12.7	-	14.1	-	*	-
Slovenia	77	39.0	10.4	5.2	29.9	*	*	5.2	5.2	-
North America	209	31.6	8.6	18.2	11.5	13.9	2.4	3.3	3.8	*
Canada	84	28.6	11.9	19.0	8.3	10.7	6.0	*	4.8	*
USA	125	33.6	6.4	17.6	13.6	16.0	-	3.2	3.2	*
South America	71	22.5	12.7	36.6	8.5	*	*	5.6	9.9	-
Australia	161	29.8	9.9	21.1	9.3	9.3	8.1	*	5.6	*

Note: Women were permitted to indicate more than one source for the recommendation to take an herbal medicine. ** Includes sources such as prenatal, yoga class or CAM Practitioner.

* Standard errors were calculated for all percentage; however, where the SE > 50% the point estimate is not reported and an “*” is used.