

Appendix 5. Prevalence surveys concordance with MEDQUARG items checklist

No	Item	Blume, 1993	CDSCO, 2009	Westenberger, 2014	Ebenezer, 2015	Islam, 2017
1	Title/abstract/keywords	N	N	Y	Y	N
2	Introduction	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Methods						
3	Survey details	N	N	N	Y	N
4	Definitions	N	N	N	Y	N
5	Outlets	N	N	N	N	N
6	Sampling design	N	Y	N	Y	N
7	Samplers	N	Y	N	Y	N
8	Statistical methods	N	N	N	Y	Y
9	Ethical issues	N	N	N	Y	N
10	Packaging	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
11	Chemical analysis	Y	N	Y	Y	N
12	Method validation	N	N	N	Y	N
13	Blinding	N	N	N	Y	N
Results						
14	Outlets	N	Y	N	Y	Y
15	Missing samples	N	N	N	Y	N
16	Packaging and chemistry results	N	Y	Y	Y	N
17	Category of poor-quality medicine	N	N	N	Y	N
18	State company and address as given on packaging	N	Y	N	Y	N
19	Sharing data with MRA	N	Y	N	N	Y
20	Dissemination	N	Y	N	N	N
Discussion						

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21	Key results	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
22	Limitations	N	N	N	Y	Y
23	Interpretation	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
24	Intervention	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Other Information						
25	Conflict of interest	N	N	N	N	N
26	Funding	N	N	N	N	N
	Total score	4	11	5	21	9
		15.4%	42.3%	19.2%	80.8%	34.6%

Y : Yes, N : No