2. AIM AND OBJECTIVES

A prospective cross-sectional study was conducted to determine the quality of prescribing in patients with chronic diseases attending outpatient departments of different health care facilities namely primary, secondary and tertiary health care facilities near Anand town in Gujarat state of India using Prescription Quality Index (PQI) tool(8) and to assess the reliability of this tool.

2.1 Study Objectives:

2.1.1 Primary Objectives:

- To evaluate quality of prescribing at different health care facilities namely primary, secondary and tertiary care levels with the help of Prescription Quality Index tool in two selected chronic diseases- Hypertension and Bronchial Asthma in outpatient setting
- Measurement of prescription quality with the help of Prescription Quality Index tool in elderly population for the same diseases at tertiary care teaching hospital.

2.1.2 Secondary Objective:

- To identify the prescribing trend in two chronic diseases- hypertension and bronchial asthma.