Reviewer's report

Title: General practitioners knowledge and practice of complementary/alternative medicine and its relationship with life-styles: a population-based survey in Italy

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

The authors give a description on the situation in the referred region and compare it to the results of other authors. However, the question arises what the common reader is supposed to learn from it. In the current form the paper is a mere description of various data. The authors should point out more clearly the aspects which provide new insights into the area. The discussion should more focus on important data of the study and try to present the data which allows the reader a deeper insight into the area.

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Reject because too small an advance to publish

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests