Reviewer's report

Title: Reiki and related therapies in the dialysis ward: are these Complementary and Alternative Medicines to be welcomed or banned? An evidence-based and ethical discussion.

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I read the manuscript with interest. However, there are several points for further development.

1. There is no clear rationale for focusing on reiki. As the author noted there are many kinds of CAM exists.
2. Google and yahoo are not good for deciding the evidence. It is needed to search the proper databases including pubmed, embase and etc.
3. The search terms should include some words related with kidney for finding the evidence of reiki and related therapies for them.
4. I am not sure why the authors searched other conditions and discussed reiki for dialysis.
5. We need the proper study procedure to discuss the evidence. In this case, I cannot find the clue for this.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.