Reviewer's report

Title: Prescribing patterns in dementia: a multicentre observational study in a German network of CAM physicians

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Comments to authors:
Jeschke and co-workers report on prescribing patterns of CAM physicians in Germany. Although this is an interesting topic, there are a number of issues with the manuscript, which are detailed below. Furthermore, it is this reviewer's opinion that this manuscript would be better served at a different journal.

1. The authors discuss ginko biloba as if it is a prescribed pharmaceutical rather than a dietary supplement. The authors also provide too much creedence to the purported beneficial effects of ginko that are not supported by the literature.

2. The participation of 22 out of a possible 362 possible physicians does not lend enough confidence in the generalizability of the findings. The research, as such, should be viewed as a preliminary report and represents only a very small percentage of CAM physicians in Germany.

3. The lack of objective tests for dementia massively increase the possibility of misclassification bias.

4. The lumping of all potential conditions that may have a dementia component is not particularly informative.

Minor comments:
1. In the introduction, the authors state that the number of sufferers from dementia....and use euros. I believe they mean people.