Reviewer's report

Title: Complementary and Alternative Medicine use in oncology: A questionnaire survey of patients and health care professionals

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My previous comments have been taken into account in this revision. A few language errors remain that need correcting before publication.

I have one substantive comment that pertains to the statement in the Discussion p12: "With the assistance of nurse coordinators, the response rate of our study was 100% among consenting patients." My understanding of the term response rate is that this should represent the proportion of people who complete the survey out of all those who were invited to take part. (And so the denominator should include those who did not consent to take part.) The sentence quoted appears to be suggesting that all those who consented to take part completed the study, but does not seem to take into account the number of people who were invited but declined consent. I may have misunderstood, and it may indeed be that no-one at all declined to take part in the study, but this needs clarification as it has implications for the subsequent claim about the lack of sampling bias in this study.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests