Reviewer's report

Title: Pediatric integrative medicine: pediatrics' newest subspecialty?

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This is a very important paper describing the current status of integrative pediatric programs. Nothing else like it exists in the literature and the authors should be commended for their descriptive research effort.

Major or minor essential revisions: none (other than two minor grammatical errors: second sentence of Results section of abstract: delete 'of;' 4th line of page 12: delete second 'on.'

Discretionary revisions: Your discussion covers several potential benefits of integrative pediatric care but does not discuss an important one. The primary driver for many (I hope all) in the field is improved patient outcomes, but your first listed reason for potential benefits is "a way of differentiating a health organization from competitors" and doesn't mention the potential for improved patient outcomes. While the research data are lacking - particularly at the time of this survey - this important point should be emphasized, I believe. If we are not working toward better patient outcomes, garnering new philanthropic support and improving marketing for the hospitals means little to the core mission of integrative care.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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.