Reviewer’s report

Title: Acupuncture, chiropractic and osteopathy use in Australia: a national population-based study

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Reviewer: Edzard Ernst

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Major
1) What can we learn from a survey that is 3 years old. The situation with CAM use changes very quickly and probably none of the data are applicable today
2) The article lacks critical discussion. For instance: why is the adverse effect rate so much lower than reported elsewhere. What does consumer satisfaction mean? As it stands, the reader is led to believe that it is similar to effectiveness. I would, however, argue that it would be most unusual if those who use therapy and pay for it don't like it.

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, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests