Reviewer's report

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

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Additional comments

1. The statistics used should be given in some detail i.e. rationale for using the procedure used (chi-square test, multivariate regressions analyses, Odds ratio etc..)

2. Table 1 - in Table 1 % are given - should they not sum up to 100% or are the % given just a sample of a bigger population and if so ...... this should be clarified.

3. Table 2 - in the text they report that they have used multivariate regressions analyses while they in the Table give the Odds ratio?.........

5. Table 2, 3, 4 - it appears that the different groups had to reply to different questions - which makes the results difficult to interpret and to compare ...the reason for using their approach needs to be adressed

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests