Author’s response to reviews

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Thank you for the opportunity for another revision and resubmission of the electronically submitted manuscript, “A preliminary survey of the practice patterns of United States Guild Certified Feldenkrais Practitioners CM,” for publication in BMC Complementary and Alternative Medicine. I thank reviewer 1 for his additional comments and have integrated his requested changes into this revision. I provide my responses to his comments below.

Reviewer 1: Harald Johan Hamre

1. . . . This comparison should be accompanied by a statistical test for significant difference in regional distribution between the two groups.

   • In collaboration with my statistical consultant, we conducted a chi-square test that verified our observations that the response rate percentages for respondents and nonrespondents did not differ across regions.

2. . . . Ideally, comparisons between respondents and non-respondents should also be performed for basic demographics such as age and gender, but these data were perhaps not available?

   • You are correct. These data are not available for this preliminary survey. Future surveys will collect demographic data comparable to the National Institutes of Health grant guidelines and the National Health Interview Survey.

3. . . . the low response rate still raises a question mark about the validity of the other results, and this limitation should be commented on in the discussion.

   • I added a statement about the potential for reduced accuracy at the end of the discussion.

Thank you again for your consideration of this paper and the commentary that has helped improve it. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Buchanan