Reviewer’s report

**Title:** A preliminary survey of the practice patterns of United States Guild Certified Feldenkrais Practitioners (CM)

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**Reviewer:** Peter M. Wayne

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This well written article summarizes the results of a survey of practitioners of the Feldenkrais Method (FM), a form of movement/somatic education growing in popularity in the U.S.. Evidence for the safety and efficacy of FM is extremely limited. Results of this preliminary survey may provide information that could potentially aid the design of future FM clinical studies. The survey includes questions regarding a number of practitioner characteristics, including geographic distribution, additional credentials, service patterns and workloads. There was a good responses rate for this survey, and collected data are clearly summarized using descriptive statistics. Consequently, I think the article will be of interest to the readers of BMC Complementary and Alternative Medicine.

I have two minor comments regarding this submission. First, given that a significant stated impetus for this survey was to lay a foundation for future research, it would have been informative to ask respondents to characterize their interest in participating in clinical or basic research, as this interest varies greatly among practitioners of other CAM modalities. Briefly exploring this issue in the discussion section of the paper might be warranted. Second, the author should explicitly include as a study limitation that the survey employed was not evaluated for validity and reliability, and thus may include biases.

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

**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