Reviewer's report

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

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All my concerns have been adequately addressed – except one residual problem, related to the low response rate of the study (32% of those asked, and 30% of the population of FK practitioners).

The author has compared response rates in four US regions. Rates are similar, suggesting, as the author writes, "no regional imbalance". However, in terms of non-response bias, it would be easier for the reader to follow if the author could instead compare the regional percentage distribution in respondents vs. non-respondents with data on location. This comparison should be accompanied by a statistical test for significant difference in regional distribution between the two groups. 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?

Furthermore, even if there is no (significant) regional imbalance, 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.

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

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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.