Reviewer’s report

Title: Rural community pharmacists' views on complementary and alternative medicine: A pilot study

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Reviewer: Anthony Zhang

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- Major Compulsory Revisions
  Define the definition of CAM used in the survey.
  Attach the survey instrument as an appendix.

- Minor Essential Revisions
  What procedure was used to minimize the chance of having data entry error?
  When was the study conducted and what’s the study period?
  Is data available to compare the characteristics of the total 252 pharmacists and the actual study participants? If yes, is the demographic information comparable?
  Page 7 last paragraph, how often did the community pharmacists discussed with patients?
  Add degree of freedom next to the critical value of the test (e.g. page 9 chi square).
  Information seeking behaviors: has any study participants sought EBM database such as Cochrane Library? This can be one of the recommendations that authors can add to this manuscript.

- Discretionary Revisions
  Move the “Limitations” section (page 5) to Discussion section.
  Strength the rationale of choosing the three herbal products to test the CAM knowledge of the study participants.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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'