Reviewer’s report

Title: The Use of Complementary and Alternative Medicine Among Finnish Parents - a population survey

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Overview:
The authors have addressed most of my initial comments and have adjusted the manuscript accordingly. However, I do have some comments that the authors should address before publication.

General comments:
The title should be amended to recognize the narrow two-day recall window and the fact that only CAM products and NOT CAM treatments were considered.

Although the authors indicate in the Methods Section that the questionnaire asked about child’s use of CAM and medicines, this information is not presented anywhere.

One of the most interesting outcomes of this study would be the parental attitudes towards conventional medicine and CAM and the influence their use of CAM in their children. There are some items in Table 3 regarding parental attitudes of CAM use and their management of their children’s health concerns, but it is not well articulated in either the Results or Discussion section.

In the Results section the authors continue to present data with statistical significance between mothers and fathers, although fathers represented only 4.4% of the sample. Is it ok to make comparisons between such groups?

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:
'I declare that I have no competing interests'