Reviewer's report

Title: Developing a Patient-Centered Outcome Measure for Complementary and Alternative Medicine Therapies I: Defining Content and Format

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Minor essential revisions
1. Background paragraph 2-the authors have not made reference to some of the existing UK literature and should say how this fits in e.g.


2. Methods and results

Ia Methods 1st paragraph

Are there publications from any of the 6 peer-reviewed externally funded studies? If so it would be helpful to include the references. If not this should be made clear.

3. Background-2nd paragraph-there is a missing 't' on treatment just before ref 6.

Discretionary revisions
1. Abstract

Background-for an international audience it might be better to replace 'underscored' by 'highlighted' to aid understanding

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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'