Reviewer's report

Title: Association of Health Literacy with Complementary and Alternative medicine use: A Cross-sectional study in Adult Primary Care Patients

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General Comments:
The study utilizes data collected from 351 patients to assess the association between health literacy and CAM use. The findings suggest that health literacy is marginally associated with CAM use and its effect is fully accounted by educational attainment. Despite the uniqueness of the data, the study adds little to the literature since the effect of education on CAM use has been well documented in the literature.

Specific Comments:
1. Since health literacy is so much related to education, why is it worthy/important to study its effect on CAM use given that education has been incorporated as a explanatory variable in your study? This question needs to be addressed in the background section.

2. How many of the respondents were African Americans out of your sample?

3. Limitations of the study should be mentioned. For example, the lack of effect of health literacy among African American respondents might be a result of the small sample size.

Level of interest: An article of insufficient interest to warrant publication in a scientific/medical journal

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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.