Reviewer’s report

Title: The prevalence and experience of Australian naturopaths and Western herbalists working within community pharmacies

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The authors conducted an anonymous, self-administered, on-line survey on naturopaths and WHM. Although this study was conducted in Australia, I believe the findings are relevant in any country where the usage of complementary and alternative medicine is high.

The questionnaire consisted of questions adopted from previous studies, and also included questions with inputs from the relevant professionals.

One of the primary aims of the study was to identify the prevalence of naturopaths and WHM practitioners working in the pharmacy setting, however, this aim was unable to achieve due to a lack of an existing centralised national registration board of naturopaths and WHM practitioners. Despite this shortcoming, the findings of the study provided useful information to guide future model of integrating complementary medicine into pharmacy.

I do have any major issue with the manuscript. The discussion is well written. However, the authors may consider including the questionnaire as an appendix.

one small typo error - 2nd paragraph under introduction: delete an extra full stop following the 1st sentence.

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.