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Dear Editor,

We thank you for giving opportunity to review “Knowledge and attitudes towards complementary and alternative medicine among medical students in Turkey”.

We did the following changes according to feedback and critics of you. I would be grateful if you could take this manuscript under consideration for publication in your journal.

I look forward to hearing from you soon. With my best wishes and regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

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Revisions

1- We have got a copyeditition from a Professional firm, all changes have been marked on the manuscript

2- This study has been carried out in the medical school classes by their tutors at the beginning of the seminar hours so response rate was very high because of this methodology. We only had some difficulty to reach 6th yrs students because they work in different departments. To overcome this their tutors tried to complete the questionnaire during weekly meetings. All students completed the questionnaire. There were some lower response rate in some questions but we
did not decline all questionnaire regarding to our statistician advice. We have reached more than our target student number at the beginning of the study. We also think there are limitations of this study. But this is not mainly the response rate but this study does not any factors affecting of attitudes of students because of the methodology. We have added two sentences at the end of the discussion about the point.

“Although overall response rate was over 93 % and only few students declined to complete the questionnaire, students with a negative attitude and less familiarity with CAM might have not answered the questionnaire and this may have affected some results. Because of high response rate and it has been reached the targeted number of students we think this bias has little effect on general results.”