Reviewer's report

Title: Prevalence and Determinants of Complementary and Alternative Medicine use among Infertile Patients in Lebanon: a cross sectional study.

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Reviewer: Tamer Edirne

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Dear authors,

this is an important descriptive work about CAM use in infertility. My suggestions are as follows:

Major: none

Minor: In the-

Abstract,

1. results part: "Female sex is negatively associated with CAM use" is confounding, please rewrite it comparing to male sex; (Males use more CAM than females?)

The older the patients...

2. conclusions part: We don’t know how much knowledge the physicians in Lebanon have about CAM, so, we may not be able to conclude that there is a need of education. In addition, the majority of patients did not report any side-effects (Table 2), so, why to enhance awareness of safe use? please, rewrite the conclusions part in the abstract regarding to your findings in the study.

methods: ok
results: ok

3. discussion: Althought patients were described to come from all over the country, we still cannot say that this study is resembling all patients in Lebanon; instead, "in an ART unit in Beirut."

4. p.15, second paragraph: the explanation why older age decreaes CAM use is unsatisfactory; and contradiction with the first phrase; please, simply delete this factor, there may be no clear cause for this result.

5. what do you mean with spiritual therapy? please, explain or change.

6. again, in the last paragraph, results from this study do not show that CAM education, training health workers or awareness of patients will improve anything; instead, you may say that research is necessary on these issues.

7. figures arent really necessary...please, add to results part.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field
Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

no/yes? this paper has referred to one of my published study (ref. no: 4); therefore, I am not sure if I can say "no" with certainty...