Reviewer's report

Title: Knowledge about complementary, alternative and integrative medicine (CAM) among registered health care providers in Swedish surgical care: A national survey among university hospitals

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The manuscript is clear and concisely written. It presents a survey with sound methodology and includes a series of interesting results.

There are some minor points, mainly for the discussion, which I would recommend to be addressed as far as possible:

1. Fig. 1 and 2: Use the same full range from 0 to 100% on the y-axis
2. Table 3: please explain what the figures in brackets mean, e.g. ayurveda (n=700)
3. Is it possible to distinguish between unknwon therapies and a therapy where people couldn't decide to make one definite assignment to one of the 4 areas?
4. Is there a relation between the assigned area and the degree of being recommended?
5. The questionnaire included several aspects and was 5 pages long. Do you suspect a relation between the length and the response rate?
6. Are there reasons why integrative medicine was less frequently chosen? Unclear concept? overlap with multidisciplinary?
7. paragraph 3 in Discussion: When comparing recommendations with other countries take into account thet surgery is a specific condition.
8. Do the data indicate some gender-specific results?
9. In general, it is astonishing that the data reflect a more positive perception of CAM than the official situation in Scandinavia, especially in Sweden, looks like.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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.