Author's response to reviews

Title: Features of Complementary and Alternative Medicine Use by Patients with Coronary Artery Disease in Beijing: A Cross-Sectional Study

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Dear Editor(s),

Thanks very much for your meticulous reviewing. Considering you inquiries, we have made the following changes:

1. We modified the sentence as “After approval from the Human Research Committees at Guang An Men Hospital, An Zhen Hospital, Xi Yuan Hospital, and Xuan Wu Hospital, the present cross-sectional study was performed at the outpatient cardiac clinics of these four tertiary-level teaching general hospitals in Beijing, north China."

2. We added the sentence “FYC and XY drafted the manuscript.”

We thank all the reviewers and editor(s) for your meticulous work. Thank you very much!

Best Regards!

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**Answers to editorial comment:**

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**Answers to Reviewer Lou**

Thanks very much for your meticulous review.
Answers to Reviewer Templeton

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Our understandings of logistic regression and chi-square are as the following: If chi-square is significant, the variable is considered to be a significant predictor for the logistic regression model; otherwise not. Logistic regression was employed to explore factors associated with the use of CAM as well as CAM use features in Chinese medicine (CM) hospitals when significant differences were found upon comparisons. When the chi-square is non-significant, the predictor based on logistic regression model is not statistically significant.

Answers to Reviewer Zhou

Thanks very much for your meticulous review.

Question 1: yes, those patients were excluded from both the CAM use group and the non-CAM group. We actually had some conversation of CAM use history and CAD diagnosis with participants prior to gaining their oral informed consent. If patient has used CAM for other purposes besides the management of CAD, they were excluded from the present study.

Question 2: we added the sentence: FYC and XY drafted the manuscript.