Reviewer’s report

Title: Development of the adult and child complementary medicine questionnaires fielded on the National Health Interview Survey.

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This is a clearly written and important article that outlines the development of the adult and child complementary medicine questionnaires included in the 2012 National Health Interview Survey. The methods used to develop these questionnaires is presented in a clear and very detailed manner, making this a useful guide for other researchers who want to understand how the NHIS CAM survey was developed. I have only one minor comment for improvement.

Minor Essential Revisions

• In the abstract, the authors note that cognitive testing of how participants understood the term “well-being” was undertaken. However, there is no background information provided in the introduction to give the reader a better idea of why this was important to do. Given the links between CAM outcomes and other psychological and well-being related outcomes a brief paragraph on why this step was included before the methods are presented would be useful.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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