Reviewer's report

Title: Complementary and Alternative Medicine Utilization by a Sample of Infertile Couples in Jordan for Infertility Treatment: Clinics-Based Survey

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Dear authors, thank you for your study of great importance. My suggestions are below.

Minor ER

1. Abstract, Background, CAM in lower case letters; is too long: suggestion: Cumulative evidence suggests that CAM prevalence among patients seeking infertility treatment is increasing worldwide. There are many products available on the market and many infertile patients demand information about CAM from their health care givers. This paper...

2. Methods: "In the private clinics, patients were seen for routine investigation and treatment of infertility without any conception assistance being provided. Patients at IVF centers were provided with conception assistance." pls, delete, not necessary here.

3. Conclusion: CAM use is increasing? as this is the first study, you cannot conclude this; "CAM use is relatively high...

4. p.3; instead of "WHO has estimated... (1-4); WHO and other studies have reported (1-4);

5. p.4, last paragraph of Background: ..level of believe... what kind of a level do you mean? pls., correct... (p.9, last sentence: herbs were certainly proven to be effective??? what do you mean? "Patients certainly believed that CAM was effective"

6. Methodology: Why Arabic/English back-translation? What was Cronbach-alpha? Pls., explain what you mean with validity... no need to write "completed only one quest., pls, remove.

7. The quest. was structured...pls, divide into 2 sentences.

8. p.7; Turkey and South Australia percentages and references are wrong and missing, pls. correct...

9. The discussion on why group A and B differ in using CAM and why willing to conceive increases or decreases as time passes in confusing because both groups use medical interventions but only group A uses CAM; don't compare apples with bananas; "...deduction seen in their recent willing to conceive... may also due to ineffectiveness of medical methods? pls., discuss more in detail...

10. p.10, what's the difference between family and relatives? pls. explain...
11. The sentence with CISCOM and the following sentence starting with "Whereas, in our study..." what do you mean in total and with "evidence"? what kind of evidence? pls. expalain or do you mean patients believed in CAM efficacy...

12. p.10, " This suggests...pls. correct as "in accordance with the results of other studies ("12, 29-31).


14. Table 1. Income per month?; infertility period or conceive period (less then 6 months for infertility?);

15. Figure legends are wrong in the text and additional page; and more explanatory pls;

16. Conclusion: pls. limit your conclusion with your results. your research is not about "an integrated system" or "evidence-based information about CAM" and if these are going to be helpful.

17. What about "Cupping" and "Nutritional advices" with high percentages? pls. discuss?

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

**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:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.