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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**Reviewer:** Malcolm McCoubrie

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1. Major Compulsory
   a) The authors do not state how they recruited subjects into the two groups of CAM users and non-users. Did the recruiters rely on subjects' own statements, i.e., "Do you use CAM, Yes or No?", or did they say "Here is a list of CAMs - have you used any?", and then select them if a CAM is ticked?
   b) Were there any differences in responses between the two types of establishments - investigative/interventional and investigative only?
   c) The authors state twice (p9, para 3, lines 5 and 6; p10, para 2, lines 4,5) that CAM appears to have a therapeutic effect on the infertility of their subjects but do not back this up. They should either give figures or describe this as subjects' statements or opinions.

2. Minor Essential
d) The captions relating to Figures 3 and 4 are reversed.

3. Discretionary
e) Should "cumulative" in the introductory paragraph mean "anecdotal"?
f) Was the verbal informed consent a response to a standard written or verbal statement?

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

5. Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

7. Declaration of competing interests:
I declare I have no competing interests