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Review of manuscript:

Prevalence and factors associated with the use of complementary and alternative medicine practitioners in 8 countries of the former Soviet Union

I find this manuscript well written and interesting. The paper aims to add knowledge on visitors to CAM practitioners in 8 countries in former SU. The authors succeed by reporting the prevalence of visits to CAM practitioners, and further, by reporting on characteristics of the visitors.

Major Compulsory Revisions
None

Minor Essential Revisions
In my opinion, the title is not clearly written. I will advice the authors to re-write the title.

Discretionary Revisions
There are some “commas” omitted throughout the manuscript.

1. The questions are well defined.
2. Methods are appropriate.
3. Data seems to be sound.
4. The manuscript adheres to relevant standards for reporting and data deposition.
5. Discussion and conclusions are well balanced and supported by the data.
6. Limitations are clearly stated.
7. Sources of data are acknowledged.
8. The abstract is fine, but I suggest a more precise and better formulated title.
9. The paper is well organized and well written.

Sincerely,

Audhild Løhre

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests