Reviewer's report

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

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Minor Essential Revision:

1. Since the LLH survey question asked respondents about going to "a person practicing non-traditional (folk) medicine," this phrasing should be used throughout the article, including in the title, rather than "CAM practitioner." To many researchers "CAM practitioner" includes a wide array of practitioners that were likely not included in the definition used in the LLH.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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