Author's response to reviews

Title: Complementary and alternative medicine use in adolescents with inflammatory bowel disease and juvenile idiopathic arthritis

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The Editor
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Dear Sir,

Attached, please, find a manuscript entitled “Complementary and alternative medicine use in adolescents with inflammatory bowel disease and juvenile idiopathic arthritis” by Nousiainen P, Merras-Salmio L, Aalto K and Kolho K-L. This article is original, it has not been published or submitted elsewhere, and it is not under consideration in any other Journal.

Complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) use occurs frequently in patients with chronic diseases, but variable rates among different age groups, diseases and countries. There are few paediatric data from the Scandinavian countries. This study shows that among adolescent patients with either chronic inflammatory bowel disease or juvenile arthritis, the use of CAM is very common and associates with self-imposed dietary manipulations. We think these findings are clinically important for those taking care of pediatric patients with inflammatory bowel disease or juvenile idiopathic arthritis. Hence, the article is well within the scope of BMC Complementary & Alternative Medicine.

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We would appreciate if our manuscript could be considered for publication in the BMC Complementary & Alternative Medicine.

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