Reviewer's report

Title: The use of complementary and alternative medicine after the completion of hospital treatment for colorectal cancer: Findings from a questionnaire study in Denmark

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Minor Essential Revisions:

Thank you for addressing most of my comments. I have a few minor suggestions for the authors to consider in the final manuscript version:

1. Abstract

Results – please improve the second sentence to “Nearly half of the CAM users (49.2%) were experienced in natural medicines and/or dietary supplements only…”

In the last sentence – I’d suggest specifying: “Of those using CAM, 51.5% did not disclose its use to their physician; only 8.5% of the sample was asked by their physician about CAM use.”

2. Discussion

In the paragraph “Women are well known, nationally and internationally, to be the main users of CAM…” – please check the reference 25. You use this reference to prove that 47% of German patients use some form of CAM within the past 4 weeks. This is, however, not reflected in the Ferlay et al 2007 reference.

In the paragraph starting with “Beyond prevalence…”, please write “Beyond prevalence of CAM use, our study also identified other patterns related to CAM use following treatment for colorectal cancer.”

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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.