Reviewer's report

Title: Experiences of Complementary and Alternative Medicine in Patients with Inflammatory Bowel Disease - a Qualitative Study

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Thank you for your excellent paper regarding an important and under-researched aspect of IBD care.

Discretionary Revisions:
Some minor errors with grammar which will probably be detected during editorial processing. For example; Page.5, 'two - 34 years'. Choose either a number '34' or a word 'thirty four' and maintain consistency throughout the paper.

Also, a little more information would be useful re: Page.3, 'CAM use increased from 22-49%'. Over what time period?

Minor Essential Revisions:
Page.13. Statement reads as follows: "A significant finding was that dietary change is beneficial for patients with IBD". I do not think this type of claim can be made through this kind of qualitative research. Rather, some patients feel dietary manipulation may be beneficial to them?

Major Compulsory Revisions: None

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.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests in relation to the review of this paper.