Reviewer's report

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

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Major Compulsory Revisions

nil

Minor Essential Revisions

1. Throughout the manuscript abbreviation should be given in full in the first instance
2. A reference should be included for ‘stress’ in the 2nd last line of the 1st paragraph on page 3

Discretionary Revisions

3. It would have been helpful to readers outside Sweden to give a brief indication of the types of CAM available to patients e.g. would it be primarily naturopathy, herbal medicine, acupuncture, traditional Chinese medicine etc?
4. Did the study ask whether the CAM was self-prescribed or prescribed by a CAM practitioner?
5. I’d suggest that the first couple of paragraphs in the Background might be re-ordered as the flow is currently a little disjointed

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