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Dear Madam/Sir,

Please find attached our revised paper titled: ‘A survey of the use of complementary medicine by two community groups of women with polycystic ovary syndrome.’

In response to reviewer Dr Lisa Moran, we need to clarify that we are reporting in this paper the use of complementary medicines by women with PCOS. We apologise for the confusion. We have a large quantity of data describing the use of diet and exercise practices and these are to be reported separately. The rationale for the study therefore remains unchanged and we have not made this revision.

Minor essential revisions

Paragraph beginning line 118. The answer to your question is no. In the questionnaire, participants were asked their reasons for use of CM and could indicate their response to 14 symptom options. Over 75% of women nominated more than one symptom. We have clarified this in the methods line 47-49.

We hope the revisions to this article are met with satisfaction. Further revision is most welcome. Thank you again for considering our paper for publication in the BMC Alternative and Complementary Medicine.

Yours sincerely

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