Reviewer’s report

Title: The use of complementary medicine by two community groups of women with polycystic ovary syndrome.

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Reviewer: Jane Frawley

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Discretionary revisions
Thank-you for the opportunity to review this article

1. The manuscript is sound and well written; This type of health services research is important in complementary medicine and this manuscript will contribute to this area, especially as there is so little known about the use of CM by women with PCOS.

2. Line 128 – general well-being not a health condition

3. Sentence “Predictions were found for using CM to treat PCOS and perceptions of effectiveness for PCOS (odds ratio (OR) 24.8, CI 11.1-55.3, p=0.0001); infertility, (OR 18.8, CI 7.9-44.8, p=140 0.0001) and for improved wellbeing (OR 8.8, CI 5.2-14.9, p=0.0001)” (Line138) – is confusing and needs to be clarified.

4. Women who have actively sought help (social network/Facebook groups) may be much more pro-active and therefore more likely to seek other treatments such as CM. This is in part mentioned (lines 169-172) but needs to be more clearly and thoroughly articulated and could be unpacked a little more.

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