Reviewer’s report

Title: A gap between acceptance and knowledge of herbal remedies by physicians: The need for educational intervention

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General
Interesting paper addressing an important question for medical education and possibly for developing policies related to quality of care.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
1. Better describe sampling framework, sample size calculation and response rate.
2. Provide a “study limitations” paragraph, describing the limitations of using open-ended question to assess knowledge; this approach is not standard. Furthermore, the authors need to describe the rationale for the weighting system used to score responses on the attitudes questions.

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Spelling check on author names in references. Add p values to Table 3.
Consider making Tables 1 and 2 appendices

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

Consider doing a Cronbach’s alpha to assess consistency of items on these different questionnaires.

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.