Reviewer’s report

Title: Measuring changes in self-concept: a qualitative evaluation of outcome questionnaires in people having acupuncture for their chronic health problems.

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Reviewer: Stewart Mercer

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General

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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

The work I referred to on the use of the PEI as an outcome measure at the Glasgow Homoeopathic Hospital over time has now been published and should be included in the paper. In particular, the sentence at the top of page 11 regarding the PEI..‘it has not previously been used to measure change over a period of weeks and months’ should be changes to reflect the publication of the Glasgow work. I suggest changing it to ‘ it has recently been used to measure change over time (3 months and 12 months) in patients attending the Glasgow Homoeopathic Hospital, but has not previously been used in acupuncture or other settings’. The reference to the new paper to be included is ;


Otherwise i am satisfied with the revised manuscript

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential 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