Reviewer's report

Title: Changes in Use of Herbs and Dietary Supplements (HDS) Among Clinicians Enrolled in an Online Curriculum

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Reviewer: Yuri Clement

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General
This paper is a prospective study measuring the effect of educational intervention on herb and dietary supplement (HDS) use among healthcare professionals over the winter-spring period. Although there is a statistically significant decrease in HDS use, it is actually small, and is largely attributed to decline in seasonal HDS used for prophylaxis or treatment of cold/flu. Educational intervention, however, did not affect the healthcare professionals' confidence or communication practices.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
The authors have included details of the course and added the appendices for questions asked for measurement of confidence and communication practices scores.

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

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)
Nil

What next?: Accept without revision

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

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