Reviewer's report

Title: Patterns of complementary and alternative medicine use amongst outpatients in Tokyo, Japan

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The authors have addressed my initial comments to the manuscript. I have minor additional observations:

1. There is no need to insert a reference in the abstract
2. There are two sections in the paper in which a definition of CAM is given but the two definitions are not exactly the same (although related). The authors should choose only one definition, the definition that they used for the study.
3. In the statistical analysis section should be stated that when investigating the predictors of CAM use both univariate and multivariate analyses were conducted but the multivariate analyses failed to add/identify any other factors associated with CAM use other than that shown in the univariate analysis. Therefore only the results for the univariate analyses are presented.

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

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