Reviewer's report

Title: Attitudes Towards Fibromyalgia: A Survey of Canadian Complementary and Alternative Medicine Students

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General
This is an interesting article, however, needing revision on some points.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
1. The background is very short, and the rationale of this study is actually unclear. The authors should motivate why it is important to perform this study, and this will need a more detailed background
2. The authors include four group of students; I actually thought that the groups of students of occupational therapy and physiotherapy were used as controls or comparable groups, but the authors do not mention anything about that. This must be clarified, both in Methods and Discussion.
3. Significant level is set at p<0.05, independent of analysis and number of comparisons. Some form of correction is needed, e.g. by setting the level at p<0.01, or preferably by Bonferroni correction.

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)
1. The tables are difficult to understand without explaining text. A reader should be able to understand the tables and the findings shown without looking in the text several times.
2. In Table 6 it is not shown what the beta coefficients actually signify. Is the score between -1 and +1, or what? An explanation is needed for the interpretation of the results.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

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, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests