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Title: The use of Traditional Medicine by Ghanaians in Canada

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Page 2 Conclusion â## line 3, â##on African of immigrantsâ##, the â##of â##should be deleted
Page 2 & 3 etc. â##TMâ## is a registered international trademark for Transcendental Mediation, itself a traditional technology from India. Use of this abbreviation is in violation of this trademark. WHO uses TRM. It would be better to use this or some other appropriate abbreviation.
Page 3, Background, line 4. â##does â##modern lifeâ## affectsâ## should read â##affectâ##.
Pages 3 & 4. The terms â##refugeeâ## & â##immigrantâ## are used interchangeably. However, they have distinctly different meanings and the status of the Ghanaian population in this study should be clarified. And if some are refugees and others not, the circumstances leading to these different patterns of migration also need to be elucidated.

Page 5. Does the probability sampling method take into account the different reasons for migration? I.E. Forced migration â## i.e. refugees; routine migration through conventional channels. Might these different experiences of migration lead to different patterns of adjustment in Canada and hence to perceptions of TRM & its use?

Pages 6&7. It should be noted here that a correlation sought between level of education and likelihood that views on TRM will change. Results should be presented here rather than much later on page 11. The ambiguous results on education need to be highlighted and dissected here along with the other correlations.

Also, was a correlation sought between income level and change of views?

Page 9. Ref 23. â##Personalistic medical systemâ## needs a line of explanation.

Page 12. The male-female differences in change of views should be elaborated early on in pages 6&7 and not left to the end. They warrant further analysis & explanation.