Reviewer’s report

Title: Physician and Patient Attitudes towards Complementary and Alternative Medicine in Obstetrics and Gynecology

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Major compulsory revisions
1. Add references by Berman, Astin and Kemper on CAM attitudes among physicians.
2. Refocus paper to prioritize findings on positive attitudes by MDs and the differences in what physicians and patients are doing (biofeedback and acupuncture versus supplements) and similarities (meditation). The finding about more positive attitudes among women and younger physicians is not new and should not be so prominent in the abstract or discussion. The number of docs referring for CAM and the overall positive attitudes are compelling and should be highlighted.

Minor essential revisions
1. Eliminate unnecessary caps (eg. obstetricians and gynecologists)
2. Insert "US" before National Institutes of Health and NCCAM, recognizing this is an international audience.

Discretionary revisions
1. In the Introduction, in addition to citing the NCCAM at NIH, the authors may want to add the Consortium of Academic Health Centers for Integrative Medicine (Michigan is, in fact, a member)

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 outstanding merit and interest in its field

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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.