Reviewer's report

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

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Reviewer: Eran Ben-Arye

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Major Compulsory Revisions

In most articles in the literature CAM use is measured by the prevalence use during the last year. The authors had studied ever use of CAM modalities. I suggest to include comparable data on last year use or to specify this limitation in the discussion.

I suggest to include in the discussion part practical recommendations, based on the study results, targeted to 3 groups:
A. Patients (ask your gynecologist more!)
B. Gynecologists (be more active, initiate more a conversation regarding CAM; initiate study of introductory courses in CAM; initiate a dialogue with the patient's CAM practitioner please see the article: Ben-Arye E, Frenkel M, Klein A, Scharf M. Attitudes toward integration of complementary and alternative medicine in primary care: Perspectives of patients, physicians and complementary practitioners. Patient Educ Couns. 2008
C. Medical directors (Initiate compulsory CAM courses in the residency program and CME).

Minor Essential Revisions

In table 4 Herbal medicine is one of the leading CAM modalities but you have fragmented this modality to various plants. Please specify this in the limitation paragraph.

Based on your assessment of the validity of the manuscript, what do you advise should be the next step?

- Accept after minor essential revisions (which the authors can be trusted to make)

Level of interest
- An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English

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- Acceptable

Statistical review

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Is it essential that this manuscript be seen by an expert statistician? No

- No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

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