Reviewer's report

Title: Use of complementary and alternative medicine and self-tests by coronary heart disease patients.

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Point 1. I see no added value in trying to make a comparison with the general UK population. The authors set out to study the use of CAM and self test kits in coronary heart disease patients. That is exactly what they do. Therefore, internal validity is not compromised. I do not see this as reason to decline the paper.

Point 2. I would suggest to ask the authors to elaborate a little bit more on the 27 (39 minus 12) remaining patients using CAM not being homeopathy, acupuncture, or chiropractic. It seems a bit awkward that the most popular therapies were not mentioned by the subjects, and it leaves about 75% of CAM use as undefined, which is a bit unsatisfactory.