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2. Reference 8 'The raison d'etre for opting for CAM includes dissatisfaction from (sic-should read dissatisfaction 'with')conventional medicine' the paper cited as reference 8 states that many turned to CAM because of this but does not say it is the main reason why people turn to CAM. The text therefore needs adapting.

Response and Explanation:-

The text has been rewritten. It now provides clarification that the stated reason was not the main reason why people would opt for CAM. The grammatical errors have been corrected.

5. Data in tables and table headings. It would be helpful if both numbers and % were included so that readers can properly interpret the results. As it stands these are confusing e.g. paragraph 2 p11 states that Table 3 provides details of belief variables, however the percentages quoted later in the paragraph are not shown in Table 3. This needs clarification and the text/tables need adapting.

Response and Explanation:-

This point has been addressed. Numbers have been included in both Tables 2 and 3 along with the stated percentages.

Moreover, I, on behalf of the other coauthors wanted to provide a clarification. Not all the figures and percentages stated will be found in the tables, because some of them are responses to the questions of the questionnaire. In order to avoid redundancy, we have therefore included the most important details in the tables, while the rest of the data, that was collected as part of the survey and could not be covered in the tables and figures has been reported in the text. Therefore, the text has been modified accordingly, as the statement now says
“Table 3 provides the remaining details of belief variables.”

The manuscript has been reviewed by two native English speakers.