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This is an interesting study about patient attitudes about the healing power of gemstones. There has been very little research on this question, and though the study is limited to one center in Pakistan, it will be a useful foundation for future studies on attitudes and effects in other settings.

Required revisions: None

Discretionary revisions: None

Specific questions:

1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined? yes
2. Are the methods appropriate and well described? yes
3. Are the data sound? yes
4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition? unclear
5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data?
6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated? yes
7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished? yes
8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found? Yes, could mention that the country in which it was done
9. Is the writing acceptable? yes

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a
statistician.

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I declare that I have no competing interests.