Reviewer's report

**Title:** Traditional Eye Medicine Use in an Ophthalmic Outpatient Population in South-eastern Nigeria: Socio-demographic and Clinical Correlates.

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**Reviewer:** Jackie Wootton

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This is an interesting piece of research. However, the contextualization and underlying assumptions need to be presented impartially. There is also confusion over terms used between CAM, traditional medicine, conventional medicine, and orthodox medicine.

**Major Compulsory Revisions:**
1) Either revise or omit the first 2 sentences of the Abstract - Background, and likewise the last 2 sentences of the conclusion.
2) The first 2 paragraphs of the Background are muddled. The initial discussion of CAM is irrelevant to traditional medical practices as practised in Nigeria. This needs to be unraveled. I would recommend omiting the first 2 sentences and modifying the 3rd. TEM is not a sub-group of CAM.
3) The second paragraph of the Background states that NCCAM has reported on TEM. This is not the case. Possibly the incorrect reference number has been used. Please review these references. I suggest you might start your Background section with the 3rd paragraph, with a focus on TEM use, to avoid these problems of inappropriate contextualization.

**Minor Essential Revisions**
4) At the bottom of page 10, "Impliedly" could be changed to, "By implication..."
5) Table 2 Cord liver oil - change to Cod liver oil
6) Table 2 - It is not clear what Harcogen rob (rub?) might be - could this be elucidated?

**Discretionary Revisions**
7) The discussion section could be more succinct

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**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.