Reviewer's report

Title: Long-term Impact of Four Different Strategies for Delivering an On-line Curriculum about Herbs and Dietary Supplements

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Reviewer: David A Cook

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General
This is another useful and informative paper from this group.
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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
Nil
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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)
The term "HDS" needs to be defined in the title and the abstract.
Table 2 line 3 ".4+_25.9" - I think there is a number omitted before the ".4"
"CAM" is defined as an abbreviation, but the abbreviation is never used.
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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)
The limitations mentioned by the authors may need a slightly increased emphasis. If I am sent a questionnaire about my knowledge of a course that I have taken, and I am not confident that I can remember very much, I will, I think, have a tendency to avoid responding to the questionnaire, even if it is anonymous. I suspect that those who are confident about their knowledge are more likely to respond, and this is supported by the data. On the other hand, to get the data we really need is difficult, and this was a large and well conducted study. The authorsd might like to make that reservation a bit more explicit.

"Prayer" is mentioned on page 2, and since it is not part of the discussion, it might be better to say "Herbs and dietary supplements (HDS) are two of the most frequent...

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests