Reviewer's report

Title: Comparative survey of Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) attitudes and use and resource-seeking behavior amongst medical students, residents & faculty

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Reviewer: David Rakel

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General
A good collection of data that compares medical students, interns and faculty. A comparison of groups that has not be adequately shown before. The positive impression of CAM modalities across these groups was of interest and goes against the common held impression that the student becomes more critical and limited in their acceptance as they advance in their training.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
No major revisions needed. Limitations were adequately stated.

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

The conclusion made (that this data supports that we should focus on content issues rather than changing attitudes) involves personal opinion and is not supported by the data. It is a logical conclusion...but the left brain hard scientist may see this as not having support from the disclosed data.

Overall a good report of the survey data that also helps further validate the tools used.

Thanks!

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:
I have no competing interests