Reviewer's report

Title: Patterns of medical pluralism among adults: results from the 2001 National Health Interview Survey in Taiwan

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i believe the authors have addressed the reviewers' comments and made useful changes to the manuscript.

2 minor essential revisions are needed:
- p. 8 - under definition of FT. I believe they intended to use the word 'bottle' (rather than 'vacuum battle therapy')
- p. 3 - last sentence of the abstract implies a causal relationship between living in areas of high density of TCM physicians and adoption of medical pluralism. The paper reports on an association, so it is possible that TCM physicians site their practices where their clients live. So this final sentence should be edited to acknowledge the association, but not imply a cause-effect relationship.

a discretionary issue: Xue et al's study of CAM use in Australia (in JCAM, 2007) is not referred to. In that study, the adoption of medical pluralism in Australia is not less than in Taiwan. It may be interesting to acknowledge that that despite historical cultural practices, the level of medical pluralism is comparable to western society.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests