Reviewer’s report

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

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Reviewer: Lisa Lix

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This version of the manuscript is substantially improved. There is increased clarity of the methods, results, and interpretation of the study findings.

Minor Essential Revisions:

Please replace the following sentence in the abstract:

“A population-based survey to investigate medical pluralism was conducted among a select Taiwanese population because of concerns about the increasing use of CAM worldwide.” I would suggest the following: “A population-based survey and linkage with medical records was conducted to investigate MP amongst the Taiwanese population. Previous research suggests an increasing use of CAM worldwide.”

Please remove the word “adverse” in the last line of the abstract.

Check the manuscript thoroughly to ensure that all instances of the phrase “medical pluralism” are replaced with the acronym MP, except for the first instance of this phrase.

Page 10: replace the phrase “multivariate logistic regressions” with “multiple logistic regression”. Please make the same change through the manuscript where the phrase is used.

Page 14: Please revise the following sentence: “Demographic factors such as age and sex were found to be associated with a patient’s choice of WM, TCM, or FT medical care.” You did not include FT as an outcome variable in your models, but rather as an explanatory variable. I recommend the following wording: “Demographic factors such as age and sex were found to be associated with a patient’s choice of WM or TCM.”

Page 15: Please clarify what is the phrase “poorer medical services”. Do you mean “poorer access to medical services?”

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being
published

**Statistical review:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.