Reviewer's report

Title: Usage frequency of traditional Chinese medicine in Taiwan

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General
The authors have adequately addressed all reviewers' comments and concerns. This revised version of manuscript is in much stronger shape and more clarity. I have only two minor revision suggestions to make the manuscript unambiguous in presentation.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
NONE.
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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)

p.4, 3rd paragraph, line 5-7
The authors did not conduct a “survey” for this study. Instead, the authors were using a national data set to conduct their study. The word “survey” in this sentence should be replaced by “study”.

p.24, Table-1
To make this revised table more easy to read and less confusing, especially regarding the “total new patients”, I suggest the following modifications:
1. Move the total number (13,536,266) and its note from the current 3rd column to 6th column.
2. On the 1st row, add the number “5,178,887” to the 6th column (New Patients)
With this modification, the total number will become more intuitive to readers; whereas under the current table, the figure 13,536,266 may be confusing to readers as it was not derived from the column summation.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

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.