Reviewer's report

Title: Disease-specific differences in the use of traditional Korean medicine in Korea

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The aim of the study is to describe the difference of traditional Korean medicine (TKM). And the main finding is (1) TKM takes nearly 10% of visits and cost. (2) Patients with musculoskeletal and nervous system diseases are more likely to choose TKM. The responses and revision make the article better. But there are still some points shall be clarified.

- Major Compulsory Revisions: Revision did not response the previous comments directly

1. The writing of the study design and patient selection is not clear, which raised a big concern about the validation of the study method. Many factors will influence the results of this paper: medical insurance of western medicine and TKM, regions, personal income, the total number of western doctors/TKM doctors, patients’ age, gender, the number of chronic diseases, and medical condition such as cancer, surgery, chemotherapy, or radiotherapy. Any descriptive epidemiological study should describe the characteristics of the study population in detail. Taking the aforementioned variables into consideration, using appropriate statistic method describes the findings. All are lack in this paper.

- Discretionary Revisions

Table 2 could be listed in order of frequency for reading easier.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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

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.