Reviewer's report

Title: A survey on patterns of integrative Korean medicine practice for lumbar intervertebral disc displacement: Preliminary research for clinical practice guidelines

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This is a valuable survey. It may provide useful information on the application of Korean medicine for lumbar IDD treatment in Korea.

Major Compulsory Revisions

1. The title: because the survey was carried out among practitioners in Korea, I suggest the author to revise the title as “a survey among Korea Medicine Doctors (KMDs) in Korea…”

2. To my knowledge, types of Korean Medicine syndrome differentiation theories determine the corresponding types of therapies that the doctors will choose. If this is the case, the author shall analyze the types of treatments in a sub-group way. For instance, doctors who choose eight principle pattern identification, which kinds of interventions they will prefer? One may obtain more useful sources among the internal-connected information.

Minor revisions

On page 6, last sentence of the first paragraph, the author mentioned “the absentees were asked to return the completed questionnaire by mail”, which means that part of the questionnaires were collected during the conference, while others were received through mails. In this case, the author shall let us know the exact number of questionnaires for both situations.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interest.