Reviewer’s report

Title: Prevalence, and health- and sociodemographic associations for visits to traditional and complementary medical providers in the seventh survey of the Tromsø Study

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Dear authors,

I appreciate the opportunity to review your manuscript. Please find my humble comments in the following:

This study attempted to identify and compare predictors of use of traditional healing and other CAM modalities based on a large sample size highly representative of the population of a Norwegian city.

However, the justification of this study is unclear (e.g. the research problem this study tried to address and the overall goal of this study), and so is the significance of the findings (e.g. the implications or the relevance of the findings).

Equally importantly, the questionnaire design is not clearly explained. The selection of questions from the Tromsø Study in the data analysis of this study is not fully justified.

The recommendations based on the findings as stated in Implementation of the findings appear to be weak.

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