

Editor's Comment:

We are always grateful for the interest in contributing to knowledge and publishing articles, but after carefully reviewing this manuscript, I regret to inform you that it would require major modifications for publication and that in the present state, it should be rejected.

Comments:

1. The authors should briefly explain in the introductory part, the therapies in use in Saudi Arabia. It is not acceptable to instruct the reader to review other sources regarding therapies (lines 44-46). The manuscript must be self-contained.
2. I agree with one of the reviewers that the authors should clarify how this study differs from those previously reported and what contribution they hope to show.
3. Study design: the authors indicate that this is a descriptive, cross-sectional study; however, they analyze associations between variables, so it is a cross-sectional analytic design.
4. Survey instrument: they do not indicate the origin of the survey. Was it elaborated by the authors? Is it a survey in use in Saudi Arabia or the world? If it was elaborated by the authors, was it previously piloted?
5. Tables 1 and 2 could be summarized in a single table by adding a column to those who answered "YES" (n = 159). That allows the reader to see differences easily and the manuscript looks more orderly.
6. Table 3 and 5 are unnecessary, a narrative description is enough. A single table with the information in Tables 1 and 3 (use of therapies for the cause of current consultation and use of therapies used for any reason) could also be used.
7. Table 4 can also be summarized in table 1 and 2 (comment 5), adding a column for the use of therapies used for any reason.
8. What does the acronym CAM mean? (line 219).
9. The contribution to the knowledge of this study is not clear.

In my opinion, this manuscript should not be published unless substantial changes are made.

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