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PART 1: Review Comments

| | Reviewer's comment | Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here) |
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| Compulsory REVISION comments | <p>Similar studies were done before as shown by references 9-12. The author must clarify how this current study differs from those previously reported, in terms of regions, methods and findings.</p> <p>State why Qassim was chosen as a study site in terms of geology, socioeconomic and health status.</p> <p>The boundary of Qassim as measured by the global positioning system (GPS) must be shown in the Method Part.</p> <p>Asterisk denoted significant differences must be shown in Tables (1 and 6) and the notes indicating their meaning must be in the legend below.</p> <p>In the Tables where there are no significance differences, it must be noted so below the Table.</p> <p>In the Discussion Part, information on Tables 1, 2 and 3 must be discussed and denoted their influence on the practice of T&CM.</p> <p>It was stated in the Discussion that chronic health condition was the leading cause of T&CM use in the current study (line 228). However information in Tables 1 and 2 did not show this significant difference. More discussion is needed.</p> | |
| Minor REVISION comments | <p>The number of references appeared in text must be included in the sentence, not after the full-stops.</p> <p>Grammar and spacing (tabs), are to be corrected.</p> | |
| Optional/General comments | <p>More history of the T&CM practice in Saudi Arabia should be reviewed in the Introduction part.</p> <p>It should be appropriate to brief each therapy in terms of objectives, believes, procedures and outcomes. Without doing so, information Table 5 could not be interpreted efficiently.</p> <p>Ethical issues in this manuscript</p> <p>It is doubtful that the sample characteristics appeared in Tables 1 and 2 are necessary or not. A subject should not be asked questions more than those necessary used for the study. However, if the author could relate this information to the findings and use it in the discussion, this ethical issue will be cleared off.</p> | |

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