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Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	This manuscript is significant for the scientific community as it sheds light on the prevalence and patterns of complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) use among dermatology outpatients in Southeastern Nigeria. By exploring patient motivations, preferences, and outcomes, it provides valuable insights into cultural and socioeconomic factors influencing healthcare decisions in a resource-limited setting. The study highlights potential gaps in patient education and healthcare provider-patient communication, emphasizing the need for integrative approaches to dermatological care. Furthermore, the findings can inform public health strategies and policy development aimed at improving the safety and efficacy of CAM practices while ensuring optimal patient care.	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	"COMPLEMENTARY AND ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE USE AMONG DERMATOLOGY OUTPATIENTS IN SOUTHEASTERN NIGERIA: A TERTIARY HOSPITAL STUDY"	

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<p>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.</p>	<p>Here's a comprehensive evaluation of the abstract and my suggestions for improvement:</p> <p>Suggestions for Refinement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Provide More Details in the Methods Section: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The methodology mentions "structured questionnaires" but does not specify whether the questionnaires were self-administered or interviewer-administered. Including this detail enhances clarity. It would also be helpful to mention the specific sociodemographic variables analyzed. <p>Suggested Addition: "Data were collected using interviewer-administered structured questionnaires, capturing information on age, gender, education, income level, dermatological conditions, and CAM usage patterns."</p> Strengthen the Conclusion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The conclusion should emphasize the practical implications of the findings and how they contribute to the field. 	
<p>Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.</p>	<p>Yes, the manuscript appears to be scientifically correct</p>	
<p>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.</p>	<p>While there are some recent studies (e.g., <i>Al-Atif et al. (2022)</i>, <i>Price et al. (2020)</i>, and <i>Younis et al. (2024)</i>), many of the references are relatively old, such as <i>Ernst (2000)</i> and <i>Baron et al. (2005)</i>. The field of CAM is evolving, so it is important to ensure that the manuscript incorporates more recent studies (within the last 5 years) to reflect current trends, practices, and new findings.</p> <p>Recommendation: Include studies from the last 3-5 years, focusing on updates on CAM's efficacy and safety, especially in dermatology settings.</p>	
<p>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>Overall, the language quality is suitable for scholarly communication, but some revisions to enhance readability and clarity are recommended.</p> <p>The manuscript is mostly clear and understandable but requires some grammatical corrections, better sentence structure, and flow improvements. These adjustments will make the text more polished and suitable for scholarly communication.</p>	
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