**CAM attitude survey**

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| **Acronyms/Abbreviations**  CAM = Complementary and Alternative Medicine  TCM = Traditional Chinese Medicine  GP = General practitioner |

**Background:** My PhD research is about why people use CAM (more specifically TCM) and how they make decisions concerning matters of healthcare, especially choice of therapy and subjective evaluation of therapeutic efficacy. I conducted participant observation (29 months, Jan. 2015 – May 2017) and semi-structured interviews with patients and practitioners of TCM (N=18).

I thought of doing this survey to augment my qualitative PhD research but then decided not to include this data in the dissertation after all, so it’s kind of hanging in the air right now and I thought what a great chance to do a network analysis on the part about attitudes (see below).

**Basic objective:** Measure attitudes related to concepts of world, man, health, illness in two groups 1) patients who use CAM (group TCM), 2) patients who do not use CAM (group GP) and then compare the two sets. The items in the attitude scale are based on typical statements heard during my fieldwork among TCM/CAM users.

**Sample and recruitment:** Originally I wanted 100 people in both groups. This sample size was met in the CAM group but not in the GP group (N=60). CAM patients were recruited from TCM clinics (10/clinic), GP patients were recruited from GP offices (10/office).

**Administered:** 2016 (I will check the specific dates)

**Basic composition of questionnaires:**

***CAM questionnaire***

-Sociodemographic data

-Mode of coming into contact with practitioner, TCM

-Reasons for employing TCM

-Illnesses/complaints treated with TCM/CAM

-Doctor-patient communication

-Subjective evaluation of therapeutic efficacy

-Attitude scale 1

-Attitude scale 2

***GP questionnaire***

-Sociodemographic data (same as TCM version)

-Two filter questions:

1. Have you employed a CAM modality to treat an illness? (must answer: no)
2. Have you been treated by a biomedical doctor for an illness? (must answer: yes)

-Reasons for rejecting CAM to treat an illness

-Attitude scale 1 (same as TCM version)

-Attitude scale 2 (same as TCM version)

**Basic composition of attitudes scales:**

Attitude scale 1 (6-point Likert)

40 items (statements about the world, man, illness, health)

Attitude scale 2 (6-point Likert)

11 items (statements about “holistic thinking” and CAM use), 2 subscales

Hungarian version of validated questionnaire (2014):

The Holistic Complementary and Alternative Medicine Questionnaire (HCAMQ) (2003)