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This is to confirm that the article entitled "*A cross sectional survey of patients visiting an Ayurvedic teaching hospital to screen the reasons for choosing Ayurveda as a preferred health care system*" submitted to the *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics* is original and has been co-authored by the undersigned. All authors have participated in the work sufficiently to meet the ICMJE guidelines for authorship. All have read and approved the manuscript.

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It addresses a very important point relevant to equity in health care by providing an equal opportunity of choosing a health care system of one's own choice based upon evidences and socio-cultural belief. This is highly relevant in context to India where a pluralistic health care is in practice offering a multitude of health care systems. This is important to understand the factors leading to health care choices in case of availability of multiple options. Looking at such causes may help policy makers to look more carefully at factors driving towards a particular health care system and take appropriate actions if such choices are erroneous for any reason.

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