Reviewer's report

**Title:** Diabetes and Hypertension guidelines and the Primary Health Care Practitioner in Barbados: Knowledge, Attitudes, Practices and Barriers

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This interesting article gives voice to practicing health providers in the community. Despite the fact that I work in a totally different medical system I could identify with the problems that were raised by the medical teams. From the text in page 10 it seems that practicing family physicians and other team members were not part of the group who wrote these guidelines, as they have many suggestions for improving the guidelines. Moreover from the description of the barriers of the patients and the system (p. 12-17) it seems that these teams have extremely valuable information crucial for better matching of guidelines and health programs targeting diabetic and hypertensive patients. If this is true I would add a paragraph to the discussion (and to the abstract) about the importance of collaborating family physicians/community nurses/pharmacist etc. to any program/guidelines etc. addressing primary care in order to build better programs. This implication would be relevant for policymakers worldwide.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests