Reviewer’s report

Title: Satisfaction of well-controlled type 2 diabetes patients with three-monthly and six-monthly monitoring

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Minor Essential Revisions

1. In the background, define what monitoring is. In general, the term monitoring in diabetes refers to self-monitoring of blood glucose at home. However, the manuscript relates monitoring to physician–patient physical contact. This should be clearly defined.

2. Since the conclusion is in favour of twice a year hospital visit, do the patients have any privilege for telephone contacts to the hospital?

3. Well controlled diabetes in this study is defined as an HbA1c below 58 mmol/mol(7.5%). None of the scientific organizations have defined well controlled diabetes with this criteria. So it is obvious that patients with A1c more than 7% require more frequent visits, since long term micro vascular complications are almost certain.

4. Patient preferences to frequency of physical visits are appreciated but even in controlled diabetes, visit frequencies may be determined not only by a single criteria alone since there are several other metabolic parameters to be monitored and kept under control. These facts may be included in the conclusion.

5. The title of the manuscript may be rephrased to avoid confusion with the term monitoring.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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