Reviewer’s report

Title: Behavior change in a lifestyle intervention for type 2 diabetes prevention in Dutch primary care: opportunities for intervention content.

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I would like to thank the authors for taking the time to address the comments made previously in relation to this manuscript. The clarity of the manuscript, including supporting data tables has improved significantly. In addition the supplementary files allow the reader to gain a better insight into the healthcare professional training and content of the patient intervention. However, the manuscript would be further strengthened by addressing the following issues:

Major Compulsory Revisions

1) The authors report that ‘the study aimed to investigate effectiveness and feasibility of the intervention’. However it remains unclear how the authors can report on effectiveness when incidence of Type 2 diabetes is not reported as an outcome. Would it be more appropriate to only report on feasibility of the intervention in this manuscript (and suggest a follow-up study to investigate effectiveness of the intervention in the discussion section)? The title of the manuscript may also require adjustment if the authors choose to follow this recommendation (i.e.as it stands it suggests incidence would be reported).

2) Lines 207/208 of the revised manuscript states that the study ‘investigated the process of participant behaviour change.....’, however this statement is inconsistent with the aims and objectives described in lines 64 and 65.

Minor Essential Revisions

3) It would be beneficial to acknowledge (as a limitation) that patients were not provided with an opportunity to express their views and preferences on intervention content.

Discretionary Revisions

4) The authors report that a manual was given to GPs and nurse practitioners (line 114). Could this manual be provided as a supplementary file to help the reader further understand the mode, form and content of the training component?

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

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I have received payment from a pharmaceutical company to present work at a national conference.