Reviewer's report

Title: Prognostic value of physicians assessment of compliance and other factors regarding all-cause mortality in patients with type 2 diabetes: primary care follow-up study

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)
It still is not clear why the authors use the word compliance as opposed to self-management behaviors, since the study does not compare what they were told to do with what they were actually doing. In addition, that concept is outdated in most of diabetes literature and thinking. I also don’t think that it was possible to separate what the MD’s knew about these patients (e.g., seeing them in a nursing home) with their impression of their behaviors. This should be included in the limitations of the study.

What next?: Accept without revision

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No