Reviewer's report

Title: Quality of interaction between primary health-care providers and patients with type 2 diabetes in Oman: An observational 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)

The authors' use of a single observer and lack of any systematic procedures to ensure interobserver reliability continue to be limitations of this study. They have acknowledged these limitations in their Discussion section, although how audiotapes were used is vague. It continues to be unclear why, if interactions were audiotaped, systematic ratings were not made by independent observers as a reliability check; it appears that all of the items covered in Tables 2 and 3 and many of the items covered in Table 1 involved verbal behavior and thus were amenable to coding from audiotapes.

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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)

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interests.