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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**Reviewer:** Anna Sarkadi

**Reviewer's report:**

General

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

If we accept that the checklist used and the results gained from checking each item of this list are truly valid and useful for the Omani context I would like to invite the authors to draw upon some guidelines for change. Would the nurses benefit from communication skills training? Should visits to the nurse really be scheduled just before that to the physician: might a separate session increase the autonomy and responsibility of nurses and give a possibility to follow up clinical decisions? Should the number of patients seen per day be limited? Should the national guidelines be changed? How is it possible to adjust the model of patient-centred care to the Omani context? Is it a realistic possibility at all in the authors' view? In other words, the discussion should be expanded to cover some of these issues.

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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)

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**What next?:** Accept after minor essential revisions

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

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests