Reviewer’s report

Title: The perception of primary health care professionals about education in diabetes mellitus, Brazil

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The authors present an interesting and potentially important piece of research. Unfortunately, the Introduction, the Method, and the Discussion sections require a significant amount of editing and rewriting. From the cover letter, the manuscript appears to have been previously reviewed. I am uncertain why the first review did not address the grammatical and wording mistakes in these sections or, if they did, why the authors choose to ignore them. While there are too many to list, I will provide examples.

In the Introduction’s first paragraph the authors state “Educational programs and strategies can change behavior by improving metabolism control and self-monitoring of skills so the diabetic patient can make treatment decisions.” This is a difficult sentence to follow and understand, and the phrase “self-monitoring of skills” unclear.

Similar issues are also found in the Methods section. I do not know how to interpret the phrases “23 health professionals with superior education” (page 3, 3rd paragraph) or “The researchers occupy one role the research” (page 4 3rd paragraph). Also, the correct term is “focus group” not “focal group.”

The Discussion section also has hard to understand passages. For example, on page 11 first paragraph the authors write “This includes extending an attitude of listening and…” and down further in the third paragraph “…showing that there is no profess in these activities.”

Curiously, the Results section is well-organized, clearly written with interesting findings. However, an appropriate review of the manuscript cannot be completed until the material is more clearly written. I suggest the authors seek the assistance of a science editor or writer for this task.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

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

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.