Reviewer's report

Title: A community pharmacy weight management programme: an evaluation of effectiveness.

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Reviewer: Jessica Griefer

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The authors have sufficiently address the comments however there are some minor comments that the authors should address before this paper is accepted.

Minor comments:

Methods: Page 6. Please change "The remaining 4 "where" to "were"...."
Units below 10 should also be spelled out.

Page 9: Put "P<0.05" in brackets after the sentence "The conventional statistical..."

Results:

Overall the results need to be written more scientifically and with a description of P values. It is often unclear when reference to a particular table is cited in the first instance, but it is not cited in the next sentence that also contains results in the same table. This is further confusing when no mean values or p values are reported in the text.

Page 10. Some of the results reported in the text could be put in a table. This was cut down the amount of writing. What is the P value of the BMI between diabetics and non-diabetics?

Paragraph 3: Change sentence Weight change was "approximately symmetrically distributed around the mean" simply to "normally distributed.

Page 11: What is the P value of the sentences talking about "the imputed measures of mean weight loss..." What are the values of these mean weight loss? What was the P value of the patients without diabetes?

Discussion: Page 12.

Begin the discussion with a statement of the significance of your analysis and study. Currently it begins with a few results and it is important that in the discussion that these are interpreted, not just re-stated.

Your program was poor at retaining participants, but successful at achieving weight loss. This is an interesting point. Could this be due to differences in motivation in your participants, or in heavier/lighter participants to begin with?

Page 13: end of 2nd paragraph: insert a comma after "pharmacies", attendance at 12 months....
TABLE 1: Needs column headings; add men next to "women" to save having to do the calculation of the remaining participants.

TABLE 2: BOCF and LOCF need definitions in footnotes.

TABLE 3 and 4: Where are the significant differences?

Reference 24: volume needs to be bolded.

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

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**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.