Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Regional differences in diabetes prevalence and awareness between coastal and interior provinces in China: a population-based cross-sectional study

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- **Major Compulsory Revisions**
  1. Some contents regarding the importance of diabetes awareness can be added in background part.
  2. Why choose these two provinces, rather than other provinces as the represents of the coastal cities and interior cities?
  3. Now that the authors wrote the data were part of DNS in study population in Methods part, some compression and modification can be made in “data collection” part.

- **Minor Essential Revisions**
  1. In "limitation", the authors wrote "there was a lower response rate in men than in women”, maybe some content of the response rate can be narrated in “methods” part.
  2. The writing language can be improved better, for example, the “And” at the beginning of some sentences.
  3. The consistency of references forms should be improved. (i.g. “Diabetes Res Clin Pract” and “Diabetes Research and Clinical Practice”)

- **Discretionary Revisions**
  In first paragraph among “study population”, the data of “ones who had any of missing information” were excluded. Is there any other way to maximize the utilization of the data?

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

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**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