Reviewer’s report

Title: How to engage Type-2 diabetic patients in their own health management? Implications for clinical practice

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This study was focused on the patient engagement for uncontrolled type 2 diabetes, and study design was done according to the narrative inquiry qualitative approach. Results were interesting and the concept given from this study was generally acceptable.

Major Compulsory Revisions:

I think authors should be the process of patient’s recruitment clearer, because this will help readers to decide whether or not these results were representative of common Type 2 diabetes patients. I did not understand whether they recruited from out-of-hospital patients at hospital or the population. Furthermore, how did you choose the final 29 diabetes patients for the study? What was this response rates?

To interpret findings, background of patients is essential. If possible, more information should be added into the table, especially regarding social factors: educational levels, income, living status (alone, or not), working status, and social support.

In analysis, you used the N-Vivo software for this qualitative approach. Please explain briefly what the software did.

Minor Essential Revisions:

1. L4, Page 2, should be a small letter of “Diabetes”. The same mistake was found elsewhere.

2. For HbA1c values, please add the unit “%” in the text.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.