Reviewer's report

Title: Self-management of type 2 diabetes mellitus: a qualitative investigation from the perspective of participants in a nurse-led, shared-care programme in the Netherlands

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This is a very well written paper describing a qualitative study of self management of type 2 diabetes mellitus from the perspective of participants in a nurse-led shared care programme in Netherlands. As such the question posed by authors is not new however, self management in the context of autonomy makes it original.

The literature review is adequate and sets the scene of the study. Methodology is also adequately described and scientifically sound.

In the results section the authors have identified three processes of self management however, autonomy as perceived by people with diabetes and its context to self management is not coming out explicitly in the study.

In the discussion the authors have discussed how understanding the range of processes underlying self management can assist DNSc in providing diabetes counseling, there is a missed opportunity to discuss how the family members can play a similar role.

One limitation of the study also pointed out by the authors is the selection of the sample by the nurses of the shared care units and therefore the findings are not applicable to a wider group.