Reviewer’s report

Title: The Development and Validation of a Culturally Tailored Malaysian Diabetes Education Module (MY-DEMO) based on the Health Belief Model (HBM).

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1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined? YES
2. Are the methods appropriate and well described? YES
3. Are the data sound? YES
4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition? YES
5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data? YES
6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated? YES. Ideally study participants should be patients with early / recent diagnosis of diabetes
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8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found? YES
9. Is the writing acceptable? YES

Major Compulsory Revisions : NIL

Minor Essential Revisions

- Page 1 Paragraph 4 – the Ministry of Health Malaysia has trained more than 600 diabetes nurse educators for public hospitals and health centres since the post-basic training was implemented.
- There are also nurse educators and dieticians in private hospitals. The Malaysian health systems has both public and private healthcare service
- Currently estimated 2.6 million diabetics in the country based on national survey, NHMS 2011 and not 1.6 million.
- I would suggest the author clarify the figure of trained personnel ie diabetes educators and dieticians in MOH or refrain from mentioning the exact figure unless quoted for MOH document / report.
- Discretionary Revisions – NIL

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