Reviewer’s report

Title: Need and disparities in primary care quality of managed care for patients with diabetes.

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The manuscript by Buja et al. is well-written and reports interesting results obtained with a fair methodology. Nevertheless I think there are some points that should be improved by the Authors, as follows.

Major revisions

1) In the Introduction a footnote #1 is reported but at the bottom of the page no string of text is present. Please check this note.

2) In the methods, Authors should report the main characteristics of the VALORE Project, such as the aims and the period of the study.

3) In the methods, in the paragraph about the statistical methods Authors should report some important details such as the significance level set and the name of the statistical software used for the analyses.

4) The results section is too short in its current form, Authors should enlarge this paragraph. For instance, they should better explain the results of Table 3.

5) In the discussion, the sentence at the bottom of page 12 “Our study is affected by…” should be rephrased. Its content seems to be very interesting but it is not clearly intelligible in its current form.

6) Lastly, the reference #8 is a submitted article and, in this status, it is not possible to cite it. Instead, if the article is currently in press it would be possible to include it. Please check the status of this reference.

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.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.