Reviewer's report

Title: Adjunctive naturopathic care for type 2 diabetes: patient-reported and clinical outcomes after one year

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1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined? No, the question as stated is difficult to follow. The background information can be better outlined to help readers understand the question better.

2. Are the methods appropriate and well described?
   The method is appropriate for an observational study. A better method would have been randomizing subjects to ANC care and a nutritional consult.

3. Are the data sound? Acceptable

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?
   In general the information is appropriate. However the authors should include a discussion of: a) reasons for the drop in the number of visits to ANC after 6 months of follow up; b) reasons for the drop in the outcomes after 6 months of follow up; c) Did usual care include (any diabetic counseling…); d) Was there any measure to ensure consistency or standardization between the Naturopaths recruited?; e) What did this study add to the current literature and how will this data enforce the need for an RCT?

6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated? Yes

7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished? N/A

8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found?

9. Is the writing acceptable? Yes

Major Compulsory Revisions
Please revise background to better support the question and revise the wording of the question to better reflect your objective.

Minor Essential Revisions
Some redundancy in the methodology that can be streamlined without losing the content and intent.
**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

No