Reviewer's report

Title: Effect evaluation of the introduction of a Chronic Care Model-based program for type 2 diabetes in Belgium.

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Reviewer: Gawaine Powell Davies

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This is a very good paper reporting on what appears to be well thought out and important research. They provide a good description of their previous research which evaluated an intervention to improve diabetes services, using the Chronic Care Model as a useful analytic framework. They have then made very good use of administrative data on diabetes care to measure changes in quality of care, using well recognised indicators of quality. The cohort is carefully selected, the analyses clearly described and the aim, purpose and findings well set out. The discussion is focused and does nothing to dissipate the impact of the findings. It deserves a wide readership.

Discretionary revisions.

In Table 5 I would find it useful to have an indication of whether it was the control or intervention group that had a significantly greater change between the two measurement points - could be done with a simple symbol or superscript

In the discussion relating to the QOF in the UK: it is surely worth noting that improving diabetes care was not just supported with investments in primary care: there were direct incentive payments for improving quality.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests