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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This manuscript constitutes a very important topic. The implementation of the Chronic Care Model in different settings and its evaluation is laudable and much needed. The analyses conducted by the authors are comprehensive and very appropriate. However, there are two areas on which the manuscript can be improved (minor essential revisions):

1. The specification of variables should be more explicit and detailed. For example, why was influenza vaccination included as a process quality indicator? How were all the process quality indicators defined and measured? The authors only discussed one variable (HbA1c test) in detail.

2. It would be very interesting to compare the Belgian experience with other countries when they first implemented the CCM in the primary care setting, such as the U.S. for example.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest 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'