Reviewer's report

Title: Effective population management practices in diabetes care - an observational study

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Major Compulsory Revisions: None

Discretionary Revisions:
1. There was a lag time of 1 year between the interview of the key informant and the review by the population care experts, during which time the practice of the centre could have changed. An explanation into the reason for the delay, or a statement declaring no change in practice would be valuable.
2. The wording of 'screening' in the article, when referring to following up the diabetic patients with glycaemic and lipid profiles, may be better referred to as monitoring to avoid confusion.
3. Screening rates were defined as the percentage of members with diabetes who had one or more Hba1c or lipid tests, but the time period for this was not clearly defined in the article. Would it be better to include those who had undergone monitoring in the last 6 months?

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests