Reviewer's report

Title: Challenges to the Provision of Diabetes Care in First Nations Communities: Results from a National Survey of Healthcare Providers in Canada

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The authors have satisfactorily addressed both the major compulsory and minor essential revisions I outlined in my previous review. There are a few typographical and grammatical issues that will likely be addressed by the editors. But for clarity sake:

1. Data are plural (Phase 1 methods, p. 8; Factor Analysis, final sentence on page 13).
2. Description of Provider Types: change diabetes education to diabetes educator; change participate responses to participant responses.
3. Variation by Provider Type section: change clinic managers groups to clinic managers group (p. 21).

One small wording change to assist with clarity: The authors state…”In the second phase, we conducted a survey of 224 healthcare providers working in 19 other First Nations communities…”. Do they mean the communities for the quantitative survey were different from the community (ies) in which the qualitative component was completed?

Finally, the factor analysis section is now thoroughly described. I personally think the internal consistency scores are sufficient and Table 2 may be better placed in an Appendix, but the editors can decide upon that one.

The paper is interesting and would be a solid contribution to the literature.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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.