Reviewer's report

Title: Counting on commitment; the quality of primary care-led diabetes management in a system with minimal incentives

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Introduction

Major Compulsory Revisions
- The authors should include general background to the subject studied. There are several papers in the literature describing the effects of the organization and physician characteristics on the quality of diabetes care.
- The last paragraph of the introduction should be replaced by mentioning the objectives of the study, describing the parameters which were studied to assess the quality of diabetes care in comparison to that observed in UK and Scotland in order to define the question posed by the authors.

Minor Essential Revisions
- Acronym 'GPs' should be clarified

Methods

Major Compulsory Revisions
- The authors should describe the standards of care studied.
- The authors should include the characteristics of the providers in the methodology since the paper is mainly studying the impact of providers’ initiatives on the quality of diabetes care

Minor Essential Revisions
- Table 1 should be typed on a separate page.

Results

Major Compulsory Revisions
- The characteristics of the providers should be described.
- Citations for references should be avoided in the text of the results.
- The methodology of stratification of HbA1c given in the outcome measures should be moved to the Methods section

Minor Essential Revisions
- Tables should be typed on separate pages.
- Table 3 and 4 should be merged, and blood pressure findings should be
Discussion
Major Compulsory Revisions
- The authors should discuss other studies reporting the impact of the organization and physician factors on the quality of diabetes care to support their data.

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

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**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