Reviewer’s report

Title: Care Management for Patients with Type 2 Diabetes: A Systematic Review and meta-analysis of trials in the last decade

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This is a well-written meta-analysis of the impact of care management on clinical metrics of patients with T2 diabetes. The results, which show a less pronounced effect that is usually assumed, are very important and could have considerable impact on the trajectory of care management—hopefully inspiring new approaches to make it more effective. I have several comments on the manuscript:

1. Consider adding some discussion of the results of the CMS care management demonstration project, which randomized over 300,000 patients with either DM or CHF to care management or no care management. They found no cost savings. I am not sure if they have published an analysis of the clinical impacts. If you choose not to address this important piece of evidence, state why not.

2. Otherwise, this article is very complete, succinct and leanly written, and has appropriate and informative tables and figures.

3. This is a valuable article that deserves provides important information in a way that will be easily understood by a wide readership. There are many important clinical and policy implications for the results, and they may help guide the development of more effective and more integrated models of care management in the “next generation” medical home.

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:

None.