Reviewer’s report

Title: Into the Abyss: Diabetes process of care indicators and outcomes of defaulters from a Canadian tertiary Care Multidisciplinary Diabetes Clinic.

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Reviewer: Alice Cheng

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This well-written manuscript provides insight into the characteristics of defaulters from a Canadian tertiary diabetes clinic, compared to those who were retained or discharged.

Minor Essential Revisions:
- suggest listing the 2003 CDA clinical practice guidelines targets, especially for an international audience that may not be familiar with them
- suggest discussing how these are different from the 2013 recommendations so that the reader can interpret accordingly
- suggest explaining (if possible) why it has taken 8 years to publish the information and whether any relevant changes in the clinical environment may have occurred (or not) in the last 8 years that may alter the interpretation of the information

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.