Reviewer's report

Title: Patient-provider interaction from the perspectives of type 2 diabetes patients in Muscat, Oman: A qualitative study

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The question posed by the authors is well defined, but not new. The research method is appropriate (qualitative research by focus groups), although the methodology could have been more elaborated as for the aspect of “adherence” The different categories as used are appropriate.

The guide with topics is useful, but the topics are formulated too broadly. Perhaps the authors had better formulated a set of subcategories. So the information obtained could have been represented more in depth.

The manuscript adheres to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition.

The discussion is well balanced and adequately supported by the data.

Here again I miss the importance of adherence and the elaboration of the data on this issue. These data are much more important than the data about test results for instance.

It is striking to see that the focus groups report almost the same aspects as in Western countries. I think the authors ought to take more attention to those similarities and should have paid attention to this in their conclusions.

Title and abstract convey very well with the findings.

The writing is acceptable

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions