Reviewer's report

Title: Self-reported diabetes is associated with self-management behaviour: a cohort study

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I find this article only confirms what is known in other contexts and am critical about the interpretation of the findings.

In my view we can have many ideas why 25% did not say they had diabetes. But the study should also try to find out the reason for this discrepancy.

Therefore, I would recommend that the study is enlarged with a postal questionnaire to a sample of both yes and noayers. In that way we might find out more about the reasons. Furthermore, a sample of HbA1c could be obtained.

Presently I think it is premature to state e.g. that those who said no don't use testing enough. Maybe they have good control with less testing.

What next?: Reject because too small an advance to publish

Level of interest: An article of insufficient interest to warrant publication in a scientific/medical journal

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'