Reviewer's report

**Title:** Implementation of a program for type 2 diabetes based on the Chronic Care Model in a hospital-centered health care system: "the Belgian experience".

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**Reviewer:** Rolf Wahlstrom

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Comments on resubmission

First, I want to mention that it should be appreciated that the authors have responded comprehensively to the comments by me and the other reviewer. The paper has improved considerably. However, I still have some comments and suggestions.

Minor essential revisions.

**Methods:**

1. I still think more details are needed. As it is now in the manuscript, the collection of data through 'surveys, individual interviews, focus group interviews' are only mentioned within brackets and no details are given, although the triangulation approach has been highlighted as a strength of the study. My suggestion is that the table that is shown in the authors' response letter should be included and also the brief information about data collectors.

**Introduction, last paragraph:**

2. The fact that the implementation was related to diabetes care should be made explicit (as in the title of the manuscript!).

Discretionary revisions:

1. Trial registration number: Misspelling of 'Clinical'.
2. Background, first para, second sentence from the end: This sentence is redundant, the same is said in a previous sentence, where the references could be added.
3. Introduction, last para, first sentence: Clearer if the information about years is moved to directly after 'research project'.
4. Methods, Study setting, second sentence: Better to be more precise, for example: '.. on average one GP for 925 inhabitants'.
5. Same para, next to last sentence: 'in the region' is repeated unnecessarily.
6. Same para, last sentence: Should be '... diabetes care in the defined area'.
7. Methods, Evaluation approach, second sentence: Should be 'The ACIC survey has been developed ...'.
8. Same sentence: Should be '... at a time.'
9. Same section, second para, sixth sentence: Which version of NVivo?
10. Same para, eighth sentence: a) What is meant by 'leading researchers in the this context? b) I think there is a mistake in the initials. Shouldn't BH be HB?
11. Results, Subscale 1: Misspelling of the first word. Throughout this section there are several spelling mistakes of the type that words are combined the should be separate, e.g., study group, research team. Further, sentences should not begin with a number, it should be spelt out.
12. Subscale 3a, next to last sentence: Should be 'regular'.
13. Results, Barriers, 4th para, third sentence: There is something wrong at the end. Words missing??
14. Same para, 4th sentence: If you use the expression 'on the other hand', it should usually be in contrast to the expression 'on the one hand'.
15. Discussion, Reinforcing the role of primary care, first sentence: Can be deleted. No need to repeat the aim of the project.
16. Conclusions, two first sentences: Should be deleted. No need to repeat this, they are not conclusions.
17. Same, last sentence: Insert 'of' after discontinuation.
BOX, second bullet: Should be '9.3%', not with a comma.
Table 1: Should be rearranged with only horizontal lines according to standards.

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**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

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

**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.