Reviewer’s report

Title: Impact of an integrated care program on glycemic control and cardiovascular risk factors in patients with type 2 diabetes in Saudi Arabia: An interventional parallel-group controlled study

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1. Could the authors propose any potential contributing factors or underlying causes for BMI increase observed in the intervention group?

2. According to the authors: "intensified insulin treatment in a primary care setting was associated with marked improvement in glycemic control, modest improvements in blood lipids, and a slight non-significant improvement in BP" as well as "However, the intervention group experienced a statistically significant increase in body weight (3.7%, 95% CI = 2.9%, 4.5%)". Taking the above into consideration how one could suggest the ulterior cardiovascular protective role and the cost-effective role of the program?

3. Was smoking cessation as well as exercise programs included in the intensive intervention group?

4. Since a detailed description regarding Figures 3a & 3b is given in the results consider if these two figures could be included as a supplementary material.

5. Could diabetes duration data be included in table 1?

6. How could the authors explain the baseline differences among the two groups? Could selection bias be excluded?

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