Reviewer’s report

Title: Key Attributes of Patient Centered Medical Homes Associated with Patient Activation of Diabetes Patients

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Reviewer: Meredith Fort

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This an interesting analysis that looks at medical home domains and the association with patient activation among diabetics.

A couple of general comments followed by specific comments:

- I was not certain whether this is a revised version of a manuscript or the first time that this manuscript is being submitted to this journal as much of the text is highlighted in red and/or includes tracked changes. I reviewed this manuscript as if it were an original submission.

- I suggest including diabetes in the title.

- The abstract and the paper should be reviewed for grammar and readability.

Introduction:

- The model is typically the Chronic Care Model.

- The section would benefit from including a purpose statement - which could be the one currently at the beginning of the Methods section.

Methods:

- It would be helpful to have more information about the diabetics - (e.g. years with diabetes, A1C, BMI, if they are on insulin) - they have self-rated health but these diabetes-specific measures as well. If this is not possible, I recommend including this as a limitation.

- The questions in Table 1 focus on the physician-patient exchange but diabetes care often includes other members of a team including mid-level providers and support staff. Is there a reason that the questions focus on the patient's "personal doctor”? It would be helpful to explain the context of the family medical centers.
- The authors should explain how they selected the medical home domains that are listed in Table 1.

- It would be helpful to know the total eligible population of diabetics in the 4 centers (approximately) or the total population served by the 4 centers - this may be a strength of this study.

Discussion:

- It would be helpful to highlight strengths about this study.

- What additional/future research do the authors recommend?

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