Reviewer’s report

Title: INTEGRA study protocol: Primary Care Intervention in Type 2 Diabetes Patients with Poor Glycaemic Control

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Reviewer: Reviewer 2

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"PEER REVIEWER COMMENTS: To view the full report from the academic peer reviewer, please see the attached file.

REVIEWER COMMENTS FROM REPORT: Overall, this study has already been running since 2015 and there is very little that we can do to address in terms of study design. This I feel should have been sent earlier to a journal for review since it would appear that there are some limitations into the design. Firstly, one issue I would think would be the controls, since it would appear that there are differences in practice so it would be better to have control in each practice.

Nevertheless, the study has already been long underway and thus only important issue to address now would be trying to improve the article

REQUESTED REVISIONS:
I think from the article the authors suggest that treatment intensification and inertia is important from the introduction but the methods don't portray such a message. This I think should be made clear

In addition, the MRC framework suggests that a pilot study be conducted, so this I believe is not in line with the MRC framework."

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