Reviewer’s report

Title: OCULAR KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICE AMONG TYPE 2 DIABETIC PATIENTS IN A TERTIARY CARE HOSPITAL IN BANGLADESH

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Reviewer: Jasneth Mullings

Reviewer's report:

Dear Authors, please note that I reviewed the original version so the line numbers may not match up with the revision 2 version, but essentially the points remain the same.

1. Background

Address sentence structure to improve interpretation

a) Lines 36 - 37 - Prepare effective method of health promotion about diabetes…;

b) Lines 45 - 49 - Though a study was conducted at rural district in Bangladesh regarding common eye diseases in the general population [9] and another community based study was performed among diabetic population

2. Methods:

a) Clarify the random methods used in sample selection

b) What was the population size?

c) How was the sample size of 122 determined?

d) What population was used for the pretesting of the instrument?

e) Are there any validity measures for the instrument (s) used?
3. Results

a) If as the authors claim, "Health practitioners especially eye care specialist need to intensify health education to increase knowledge and increase health seeking behaviors among this population", it would therefore be useful to provide additional analyses to inform targeted interventions aimed at reducing the gap between knowledge and practice (e.g. differences in knowledge and practice by socio-demographic variables such as sex, age, education, occupation, SES and diabetic control status, etc.)

b) Table 2 and 3 should include data distribution by age and gender at a minimum.

4. Discussion

a) Line 20 - replace the word 'suffers' with the appropriate terminology

b) The likely explanations for and implications of the findings should be discussed in this section.

Are the methods appropriate and well described?
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No

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