Author’s response to reviews

Title: Diabetes treatment intensification and associated changes in HbA1c and body mass index: a cohort study

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Dear Section Editor for Diabetes and Metabolism section of BMC Endo;

Submitted for your consideration to BioMed Central-Endocrinology for publication is the revised research manuscript, entitled “Diabetes Treatment Intensification and Associated Changes in HbA1c and Body Mass Index: a cohort study.”

We appreciate the reviewers thorough review and suggestions.

Editorial Requests

1. Ethics: If your study involves humans, human data or animals, then your article should contain an ethics statement which includes the name of the committee that approved your study.

   Response: Noted and ethics statement on page 5 line 9-10

2. Consent: If your article is a prospective study involving human participants then your article should include a statement detailing consent for participation.
Response: Noted and informed consent waiver stated on page 5 line 9-10

3. Availability of supporting data: BioMed Central strongly encourages all data sets on which the conclusions of the paper rely be either deposited in publicly available repositories (where available and appropriate) or presented in the main papers or additional supporting files, in machine-readable format whenever possible. Authors must include an Availability of Data and Materials section in their article detailing where the data supporting their findings can be found.

Response: An availability of Data section has been added to the manuscript. The protocol, statistical code, and a de-identified and anonymized dataset are available from Dr. Roumie on request.

4. Authors Contributions: Your 'Authors Contributions' section must detail the individual contribution for each individual author listed on your manuscript.

Response: Noted and addressed. See page 13 and 14.

Reviewer #2

1. The authors have not provided the methods and definitions used to assess the complications mentioned in Table 1. At which point of time were the details of complications obtained?

Response: Noted we have added a new Supplemental table 1 with definitions for covariates and the timepoints which they are reported in Table 2.

2. Suggest to split Table 2 as there is too much of information, which would lead to reader's fatigue

Response: Noted we have simplified Table 2

3. Suggest to split figure 3 as it is too crowded with tables embedded in it

Response: Noted we have split Figure 3 into Figures 3 and 4