Reviewer's report

Title: Age differences in diabetes-related complications and glycemic control

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This paper describes a cross-sectional cohort study of a convenience sample of Iranian adults with diabetes. The authors examine the influence of age on the risk of diabetes complications, adjusting for confounders like disease duration. The results are somewhat confirmatory but are sufficiently novel to warrant publication, potentially. I would have the following minor comments. I do not understand the last sentence in the conclusion of the abstract. The formatting is inconsistent and needs to adhere to the instructions for authors much better. The start of the introduction (the first one and a half paragraphs to the point of reference 4) will already be known by the readers of this journal and could be removed. More could be made of work by J Nolan, M Hatunic and others examining the worse cardiovascular risk burden in younger compared to older type 2 diabetes patients. Also, more could be made of recent work by E Gregg describing changes in the epidemiology of diabetes complications. The methods are well described. The results need to be more rigorously described - avoid vague terms like "about half". In the discussion, the authors need to be more careful not to overinterpret the significance of their findings in the context of diabetes care delivery in the region.

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