Reviewer’s report

Title: Use of Social Adaptability Index to Explain Self-care and Diabetes Outcomes

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The authors have generally been responsive to the comments of reviewers, resulting in minor changes to the manuscript. Overall, some concern remains about the contribution of the findings to the literature. However, if the SAI is well regarded as an assessment tool for adults with chronic illness, then the lack of findings for a sample of adults with type 2 diabetes is relevant. Two concerns remain:

1) The abstract should be rewritten to better demonstrate the lack of findings. The results, as written, report multiple findings with the SAI and health indicators without highlighting the lack of overall findings.

2) The authors included more information about the study procedures. However, these details do not answer the question of representativeness of the sample as rate of participation is not addressed. The authors should more clearly state the number of letters sent/patients approached/patients with incomplete data that resulted in the final sample size.

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