Reviewer’s report

Title: Hypoglycaemia in Diabetes: Do we think enough of the cause? An observational study on prevalence and causes of hypoglycaemia among patients with type 2 diabetes in an out-patient setting in Sri Lanka

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SUMMARY

This is an interesting and valuable study. I suggest some minor improvements in method description and presentation of results.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Comment: Please give details of local ethical review and approval of this study. Please state inclusion and exclusion criteria, the dates over which the patients were recruited, the criteria used for diagnosis of diabetes and methods used for fasting plasma glucose and HbA1c determination.

Is there any information on anemia and blood pressure (hypotension status) of the patients as these clinical features have been linked to accuracy of point-of-care recording of blood glucose concentrations? (Diabetes Care 36, 1384-1395, 2013). Please state the proportion of hypoglycemic episodes which were graded by symptoms or by glucometer reading in each hypoglycemic grade classification.

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Is there any information on albuminuria status has this has been previously associated with hypoglycemic episodes (Diabetes Care 36, 1283-1289, 2013).

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS

Table 2

Comment: please remove "Mean" from the variable titles and rather add the quantity description in brackets. For example: "Age (years; mean ± SD)."
Comment: Please give patient numbers for each group classified by hypoglycemic episode and male: female ratios as a ratio and not a number. The data distributions appear to have been non-parametric and hence it would be appropriate to present median (lower - upper quartile) to describe the data distributions rather than mean ± SD.

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