Reviewer’s report

Title: Retrospective assessment of the quality of diabetes care in a rural diabetes clinic in western Kenya

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General comments

The authors tried to evaluate the quality of diabetes care provided in the clinic at Webuye District Hospital through the assessment of different domains accepted by the International Diabetes Federation guidelines

Introduction

The aim of the study should be in this section. The aim is not in the appropriate section.

Methods

1. The authors should elaborate a flowchart to facilitate the understanding of how were selected the patients, including: total participants at starting, different groups in the follow-up, number of participants quit or loss, etc.

2. It is not clear the inclusion, exclusion and elimination criteria in the selection of the participants. Is must be very clear.

3. Some information about the sample is missing, for example, see page 8 line 189: "524 patients were enrolled in the WDH diabetes clinic between July 2009 and September 2011", this sentence should be in the methods section, No in the results section.

4. 19 different domains from the IDF Global Guideline for diabetes care should be described in this section.

5. Include a subtitle "statistical analysis" to point out the description about it.
Results

The management of the patients with type 1 and type 2 diabetes mellitus must be different. For that reason the data should be analyzed into two different groups, one for type 1 and another one for type 2.

The description of the data shown in the tables is not very reflected in the results sections. The authors must re-write the section for a better understanding of the data shown in the tables.

Table 2, describe "HGM and non-HGM"

All tables must be separated of the main document.

The authors must clarify each feature about Minimal, Standard and Comprehensive care.

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