Reviewer’s report

Title: Protocol: Randomised clinical trial investigating the effectiveness and cost benefit of a lifestyle intervention targeting Type 2 Diabetes in Australia.

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The authors have added many important details to the description of their protocol.

At point 7, it was asked to monitor the source population, and see what percentage of diabetes patients will be suitable to join the program.

The response is that this is not possible due to privacy issues.

This is an unsatisfactory answer, because you can ask GP's to report how many were considered eligible, how many diabetes patients they have in their practice, and how many of these are being asked, and how many agreed to participate. This would not violate privacy laws.

Whilst recruiting, they probably will have some sort of list with patients that they screen for eligibility, and they could easily communicate the number of patients (rather than names and data) on the list with you.

I can really recommend this, because it is little effort and high gain for a practice-oriented study like this.

If not possible, clearly describe why you do not collect these data.

All the other points are addressed adequately.

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