Reviewer’s report

Title: Participatory Learning and Action to address type 2 diabetes in rural Bangladesh: a qualitative process evaluation

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Reviewer: Luca D'Onofrio

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The aim, methodology and data presented in the study are extremely interesting and highlight novel strategies to address diabetes management in rural areas, improving patient's empowerment, health literacy/behaviour and social support.

However, minor issues arose reading the manuscript and for this reason, the manuscript needs few minor revisions prior to a publication:

Minor revisions:

1) please, could you provide more information on the discussion about the effectiveness of PLA intervention in this population? In the introduction, you stated that: "There was a 20% absolute reduction in diabetes and intermediate hyperglycaemia prevalence and 10% reduction in the two-year cumulative incidence of diabetes among the group with intermediate hyperglycaemia in the PLA versus control arm, and the intervention was highly cost-effective". Could you provide some specific data on the improvement of glycaemic control, body weight and other information that you consider useful from your previous papers?

2) page 8 - line 12: please, consider to better explain what is a 'photovoice'

3) page 17 and 18: please, consider changing the word "diabetics" with "subjects/individual with diabetes"

4) page 17 - line 53: "(Lee, Kim, Lee, & Moon, 2017)" what the names in the brackets stand for?

Discretionary revisions:

1) page 6 line 12: please, consider to explain the word "upazillas" for whom do not know its meaning.

2) page 7 - line 44 and 46: "who were &gt;30", I presume that you are talking about age, could you specify it?
Are the methods appropriate and well described?
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Yes

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