**Reviewer’s report**

**Title:** The role of text messaging intervention in Inner Mongolia among patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus: a randomized controlled trial

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There are some grammatical and language errors in the text that need to be corrected before publication.

In line 55 of the introduction, it is written "patients cannot adhere to an extended time after discharge", do the authors mean after diagnosis?

When the authors explain the patient population, they should mention the type of diabetes.

How many SMS had been sent and how was the timing and the frequency?

Why the positive score related to "the participant's willingness" was 2 compare the score related to "the participant's understanding".

What the authors mean by "deleted the average score of messages &lt;4 after SMS quality evaluation.".

What the authors mean by "discharged participants"? do they only invited the hospitalized patients to participate in the study? If this is the case, the sampling has bias.

Authors mentioned that they sent regular messages, mostly limited to general theoretical knowledge for control group, I think sending this messages are also a kind of intervention and may affect the behavior of the participants.

In table 2, a high number of participants reported that the content of weight control and diet control messages were "unknown and not have done". This issues should be discussed in the discussion section. Why participants found these messages unknown? Is there any educational program before the intervention regarding the diabetes in the country? If so what are they?

What are the limitations of the study?

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Yes

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