Reviewer’s report

Title: Feasibility of using self-reported patient data in a national diabetes register

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Minor Essential Revisions

Results, first paragraph:
1. Fourth sentence; spell out the number if it is used at the beginning of a sentence.

Results, Eye and foot-examination:
2. First sentence; spell out the number if it is used at the beginning of a sentence.

Discussion, Comparison with other studies and explanation of the results:
3. Basic data, second paragraph, third sentence; should “0,5-1,0%” be “0.5-1.0%”? 

Discretionary Revisions

Methods, second paragraph:
1. It would be helpful if the authors briefly described the Norwegian Diabetes Association.

2. Is this an organization whose members have diabetes rather than an organization that funds research, provides services, and/or raises awareness?

Results, first paragraph:
1. Are all members of the Association diabetics? If no, how were the 3,714 members selected?

2. If the Association membership is broader than only those who have diabetes and the members receiving a questionnaire weren’t limited to diabetics, then there is the potential that an individual without diabetes received a questionnaire and, of course, would not have responded. In turn, this affects the 44.3% response rate.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.