Reviewer’s report

Title: Does delay in planned diabetes care influence the quality of clinical management outcomes for Aboriginal Australians?

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PEER REVIEWER ASSESSMENTS:

OBJECTIVE - Full research articles: is there a clear objective that addresses a testable research question(s) (brief or other article types: is there a clear objective)?

Yes - there is a clear objective

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Yes - the approach is appropriate

EXECUTION - Are the experiments and analyses performed with technical rigor to allow confidence in the results?

Yes - experiments and analyses were performed appropriately

Statistics - Is the use of statistics in the manuscript appropriate?

Yes - appropriate statistical analyses have been used in the study

INTERPRETATION - Is the current interpretation/discussion of the results reasonable and not overstated?

No - there are minor issues
OVERALL MANUSCRIPT POTENTIAL - Is the current version of this work technically sound? If not, can revisions be made to make the work technically sound?

Probably - with minor revisions

PEER REVIEWER COMMENTS:

GENERAL COMMENTS: This is an interesting paper on a relevant topic. The authors have done a good job in preparing this paper, and have addressed previous reviewers' comments with the latest revisions.

REQUESTED REVISIONS:

The main objective of the study and analyses are to assess the association between the time to documented diabetes care plan (or delay) and glycemic control, BP control and hospitalizations. The authors adjust the Poisson regressions for age and sex - since these are simply adjustment covariates, I don't think it is appropriate to have specific interpretation of these covariates.

I am also not sure about the impact of the inclusion of the "time in study" variable, as it would introduce a second time scale for the Poisson regression.

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Are the methods appropriate and well described?
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Yes

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