Reviewer's report

Title: Diabetes distress in Indonesian patients with type 2 diabetes: a comparison between primary and tertiary care

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1. Line 110. According to IOM, primary care includes family doctor, as described in Line 125. So the word "or" is not necessary. See https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK232631/

2. Line 112-121: The author describe Prolanis and Persadia in very much detail, however, it is not clear how they related with study's findings.

3. Line 127: Text: "(see below for exact definition)" is not needed. However, there is no exact definition of secondary care in the sub-section "secondary care".

4. Line 140-141: Does this information (So far, insulin is only available in hospital pharmacy.....") is currently relevant?

5. Line 147: This information is misleading. Private sectors plays important roles in health service delivery. Number of private clinics/hospital often outnumber Puskesmas/public hospital.

6. Line 240: Please explain why proportion of participants from primary care was lower. Does it reflect the real proportion of diabetes patient in primary care and secondary care? And does unequal group size affect statistical power?

7. The main finding is that primary care patients experienced higher DD compare to secondary care patients. Please discuss what facility-based factors that might caused higher DD in primary care and relevant recommendations to improve the situation.
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