Reviewer’s report

Title: Diabetes educator role boundaries: a documentary analysis

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Reviewer: Carla McArdle

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Overall, an informative piece of writing which will be of interest to those of similar research interests and to a certain extent healthcare professionals in Australia.

Some suggestions for the authors are listed below;

In the background section I would consider giving a bit more detail on the macro, meso and micro levels that you refer to, this will give the reader an understanding of these.

Why have you just included Australia, can this be generalized to the overall population. If you are only including Australia then this should be included in the title.

Page 6, line 20 - the full version of STARLITE should be mentioned in the first instance of this.

Page 7, lines 9-21 - consider adding this into the background section.

Has anything more been published since December, can another search be carried out to identify any more documents that could be included in order to make this as current as possible.

Page 12, lines 5-11, sentence needs reworded as it is difficult to understand.

In general you present your audience with a lot of information, can any of this content, in particular in the results section be reduced and perhaps more added into your discussion section.
In the discussion section you have identified three key macro level drivers however, you have made no reference to meso or micro level drivers, can these additional two drivers be discussed or some reference made to these as they have been included in the background and the synthesis and analysis section.

You have excluded two international papers, it would be useful to consider these if you wanted to included more than just Australian documentation.

Have you referenced all of the 52 documents that you have included in your analysis?

In appendix one it indicates that the search was undertaken on the 08/09/2016, has any more recent searches been carried out?

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