Reviewer’s report

Title: Strength in Numbers: an international consensus conference to develop a novel approach to care delivery for young adults with type 1 diabetes, the D1 Now Study

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Reviewer: Laura Whitehead

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Thank you for your insightful report into the large programme of work you have completed, well done in your efforts to involve and incorporate the views of patients throughout this process. It was interesting to read the high level of involvement of the YAP group in this study.

I have a few comments you may want to consider to strengthen this article:

The structure of the abstract and paper does not meet the recommended guidance of the journal, methods and results are reported separately in the criteria for preparing a manuscript for methodology papers.

The title and subheading 'Strength in numbers' may be misleading for the reader and they may expect a paper reporting the findings on the number of participants in the consensus conference to support a method as an approach.

On line 8: "A list of all measures used in published interventions involving young adults with type 1 diabetes were compiled (n =87)". Further detail is required, how many published interventions and between what years were measures identified from?

You highlight the findings of development core outcome set are being published elsewhere on line 43. This is a large and interesting piece of work are you willing to share the 8 outcomes reaching consensus for COS inclusion if this does not conflict with other publishing guidelines?

More recent references for Delphi consensus approaches are available, authors include Hasson and Hsu.

Further detail of the methods is required to allow the reader to understand the process better in order to reproduce methods and how this may have an advantage over different approaches. For example who identified the themes in the conference, what definition of consensus was used and how were challenges between different stakeholder groups managed.

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