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Dear Editor,

Enclosed Please find our revised manuscript in Word format.

Title: A literature review of Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus among minority Muslim populations in Israel

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The manuscript has been revised in light of the reviewers' comments and suggestions. We believe that it has been improved as a result

Reviewer 507108

1. I am not sure the authors have shown that the quality indicators program has led to progress in diabetes, nor have they shown that the program has led to reduced gaps and improved quality between the Jewish and Arab populations. There is no hypothesis and certainly no suggestion that the qualities indicator program has been a success. Hence the abstract and summary need to be adjusted and I am not sure that the authors have shown that recent findings are more encouraging but perhaps the text could be altered to support this statement?

Response: In light of this comment we added a new section to the paper that details the intervention program on quality indicators and its effect on reducing health inequality, including monitoring and controlling diabetes. This can be found on P. 9-10 before the



Summary section. This addition has also led to changes in the Summary, the Abstract, and the "core tip" of the study.

Reviewer 503444

1. The authors should summarize their analysis in one or more Tables to facilitate the presentation of the data for the readers.

Three tables have been added to the manuscript:

Table 1. Results of studies on the prevalence of obesity, pre-diabetes and diabetes type 2 in the Arab Israeli population.

Table 2. Results of studies on the prevalence of obesity and diabetes type 2 among Bedouins in the Negev.

Table 3. Results of studies on diabetes as a risk factor among Israeli Arabs and Bedouins.

2. The conclusions are lacking as well as the point of view of the authors for a health problem probably related to the scarce attention of the lack of interest of the national and local political authorities to the problems of ethnic minorities.

We believe that the comments of both reviewers make the same point, so our response to the previous reviewer should addresses this reviewer's concerns as well.

2. *The references were corrected*
3. *The postal code was added*

Thank you for your consideration.

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