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In the text, 30,18,8 and 10 studies are mentioned in the result section, "Diabetes management. DPP adaptations" should include 30 studies in Table 1. However there are only 29 studies presented in Table 1. Table 2 includes 18 studies as described in the text. The first sentence of the section, "Diabetes management: Technology assisted interventions" states "we identified 8 interventions". However, 9 studies are included in Table 3. "Diabetes prevention" should include 7 studies of DPP-like interventions in Table 4. and 3 studies of diabetes prevention that integrate diet and exercise in Table 5. However, Table 5 is not mentioned in the main text. "hba1c", "Hba1c" should be replaced with "HbA1c". Almost all the studies selected achieved favorable outcomes in the management or prevention of diabetes. However, negative results are usually not published. Therefore the bias by publishing should be considered in the discussion.

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This review manuscript presents the newest approaches to diabetes prevention and control in the developing countries. Authors have initially gathered 4506 studies from 97 developing countries. However, using several pre-determined exclusion criteria, only 66 studies from 20 countries were finally included in this review. It is a manuscript of potential interest; however I have to mention the following comments. Firstly, as mentioned above, the vast majority of the initially gathered studies (4440 out of 4506) have been excluded from the review analysis. It is questionable whether the 66 studies of 20 countries that were included, comprise a representative sample of the whole developing world! Moreover, authors should explain why they have searched the literature only for a two-month time interval (August 2014 and September 2014) and not for a longer period to gather and include more suitable studies in the review manuscript. Secondly, authors have included only studies of Type-2 Diabetes. Why have they not included also studies with Type-1 Diabetes, as lifestyle interventions are considered of crucial significance for the therapeutic management of Type-1 diabetic patients? Otherwise, authors should modify the title of the paper, to indicate the inclusion



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only of studies with Type-2 diabetics. Minor comment: I have not seen an abstract of the review manuscript (or at least it was not included in the pdf file that could be downloaded).