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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 7875-review.doc).

Title: Impact of Chronic Disease Self-Management Programs on type 2 diabetes management in primary care

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers and the editor:

1 Format has been updated.

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers

The study by Forjuoh et al, aimed to assess the effectiveness of the Chronic Diseases Self-management Program on the metabolic control. This is an interesting investigation on the practical point of view, however, have some dark point that authors' should clarify before its publication in the WJD: 1. In design part lines 6-7 said that eligibly subjects will randomized "to one of four study arms", however, the study only consider two study arms. Do you clarify this point? 2. In results section, last paragraph, why authors' said that they found differences between the two arms regarding to inspection the inside of their shoes, report of unhealthy physical days and less limited days due to physical and mental health when the statistical significance is $p \geq 0.05$?

A statement has been included in the design to indicate that "The current study reported here focuses on participants in two of the four original study arms."

The last paragraph of the results section has been modified accordingly to read: "Although participants in the control group reported inspecting the inside of their shoes more frequently and also tended to report fewer unhealthy physical days and experience less limited days due to physical and mental health, these did not reach statistical significance ($P \geq 0.05$)."

This study is to assess the effectiveness of the Chronic Disease Self- Management Program (CDSMP) on glycated hemoglobin (HbA1c) and selected self-reported measures. However, the CDSMP intervention may not lower HbA1c any better than good routine care in an integrated healthcare system. I suggest that it is needed to further compare various measures between two groups according to different levels of demographic and baseline clinical characteristics (for example, age for 3levels: 30-44, 45-64, >65). Besides, the language of the manuscript needs revision.

We have already compared the two groups by demographic and baseline clinical characteristics as shown in Tables 1, 2 and 3.

The language of the manuscripts has been revised accordingly to improve clarity.

3 References and typesetting have all been corrected.

4 Core Tip or Summary of less than 100 words that outlines the most innovative and important arguments and core contents to attract readers has been included.

5 Comments section has been included.

Thank you again for consideration to publish our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Samuel N. Forjuoh', followed by a long, sweeping horizontal stroke.

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