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Dear Editor,



Title: Challenges of emerging adulthood– transition from paediatric to adult diabetes

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We thank the reviewers and the editor for the kind comments. Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 8771-review 1st revision.doc). The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers, with marked changes in red:

1 Format, references and typesetting have been updated as suggested

2 The responses to the comments by reviewers has been incorporated in the revised manuscript

(1) Since the manuscript is submitted to World Journal of Diabetes, a brief overview of the global practices in this transition and the country specific existing model of care may be discussed.

Response: We fully agree with this comment and have incorporated a paragraph on global practices in developing and more developed countries.

(2) Though the prevalence of diabetes in pediatric population is being discussed, the country name is missing.

Response: This has been added in the sentence (United States)

(3) The age cut off for pediatrics is different in different countries. In discussing the transition from pediatrics to adult care, the age specification in United Kingdom need to be emphasized.

Response: Majority of the patients involved are in the age group of 16 to 18 years. This has now been emphasized in the manuscript.

(4) Since the subject involves psychosocial requirements, what will be the role of a counsellor/psychologist being actively involved in the transition clinics? Will this model require additional resources? Do the authors believe that the model can be easily replicated in clinics across the globe

Response: We have added a paragraph on this section as below

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Diabetes*.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ananth U Nayak'.

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