

Review of: "Older People with Diabetes Mellitus and Considerations for Diabetes Nurse Educators in Brunei"

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Dear author,

Thank you for this great work, and I hope my comments improve the study.

General Comments:

• The paper needs major language editions.

Specific Comments:

1. Introduction

The author should add the references of this paragraph "The prevalence of diabetes mellitus (hereafter stated as diabetes) increases with age. As people age, their ability to selfmanage, learn new information and remain independent vary significantly. Older people with diabetes may have more disabilities from diabetes complications, and a decreased ability to manage their diabetes compared with younger people. Thus, there are specific considerations for diabetes.

Older people are also a heterogenous group, thus should have

individualised treatment to address their personal needs. It is hoped that the following information will provide the opportunity to consolidate the understanding of Diabetes Nurse

Educators (DNE) regarding the special psychosocial, educational, nutritional, functional and physical requirements of older people with diabetes".

2. Main Text

The author should add the references of this paragraph "This long list is present because older people present with non-specific symptoms from multi-system disorders, which may

be interpreted as 'normal for old age'. It may also be challenging to decide which issues to prioritise. There may also be communication barriers, such as cognitive impairment, depression, hearing or visual impairment. For older people, everything may also be inter-related, while pathology in one organ may indicate pathology in another organ. For example, a patient may present with acute confusion or delirium due to an underlying chest infection".

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