

December 17, 2014

James Fain, PhD, RN, BC-ADM, FAAN
Editor-in-Chief, *The Diabetes Educator*
Dean and Professor, Graduate School of Nursing
University of Massachusetts Medical School
55 Lake Avenue North, S1-880
Worcester, MA 01655

Dear Dr. Fain:

I am pleased to submit an original research report entitled, "**Assessing the effectiveness of pharmacist-directed medication therapy management in improving diabetes outcomes in patients with poorly controlled diabetes,**" for your review and consideration in the *Diabetes Educator*. This paper examines associations between pharmacist-directed medication therapy management, medication adherence, and type 2 diabetes-related health outcomes in a community clinic sample. We believe our findings advancing the existing literature on behavioral interventions for improving health outcomes in underserved communities.

I have full access to all the data in the study and take responsibility for the integrity of the data and the accuracy of the data analysis. This work has not been concurrently submitted to any other periodical for publication. The manuscript has been read and approved by all authors, who have taken due care to ensure the integrity of the work. No authors claim any relationships that might present perceived or real conflicts of interest or financial associations in connection with this manuscript. Each author participated in writing the manuscript, and has seen and approved the submitted version.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need further information. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Consuelo H. Wilkins, MD, MSCI
Executive Director, Meharry-Vanderbilt Alliance
Associate Professor of Medicine
Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and
Meharry Medical College
consuelo.h.wilkins@meharry-vanderbilt.org

