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ARTICLE DETAILS

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| TITLE (PROVISIONAL) | Cost-effectiveness of interventions to control cardiovascular diseases and Type 2 diabetes mellitus in South Asia: Systematic Review (Protocol) |
| AUTHORS | Singh, Kavita; Chandra Sekaran, Ambalam; Bhaumik, Soumyadeep; Aisola, Malini; Chattopadhyay, Kaushik; Gamage, Anuji; Silva, Padmal; Selvaraj, Sakthivel; Roy, Ambuj; Prabhakaran, Dorairaj; Tandon, Nikhil |

VERSION 1 - REVIEW

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| GENERAL COMMENTS | It is a good paper. It will be interesting to include the data on cerebrovascular diseases also. |
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VERSION 1 – AUTHOR RESPONSE

We thank the reviewer for the comment above and fully agree that studying cerebrovascular disease will be interesting. However, the present study is focused only on CVD and T2DM; including cerebrovascular disease will change the scope of the review. Cerebrovascular disease is more severe compared to CVD and T2DM, and results in higher mortality and disability, mostly affecting motor functions. Although, prevention is common amongst all three disease conditions, but treatment interventions and their cost-effectiveness would vary widely. Further, there are additional issues to consider for a systematic review on cost-effectiveness evidence for cerebrovascular disease interventions like specialized stroke centres, stroke registries, stroke help lines, efforts required for screening and selection of relevant articles etc. and hence, it deserves a separate study.

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