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Title: Comparison of lower extremity atherosclerosis in diabetic and non-diabetic patients using multidetector computed tomography

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Dear Editor:

Here we submit our original article (entitled "Comparison of lower extremity atherosclerosis in diabetic and non-diabetic patients using multidetector computed tomography") to *Cardiovascular Disorders* office.

Lower extremity atherosclerosis (LEA) is among the most serious diabetic complications and leads to non-traumatic amputations. Therefore, it is very important to reduce the amputation rates and amputation planes and reduce the treatment costs in diabetics. The potential LEA should be evaluated and treated in the early stage to prevent or delay its occurrence and development and improve the patients' life quality.

The purpose of this study was to evaluate the differences in LEA between diabetic and non-diabetic patients using dual-source CT and 320- multidetector CT.

As an international journal, *Cardiovascular Disorders* has been recognized as one of the best specialty journals in the world, so that the journal was our first choice.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Sincerely yours,

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Declaration

*After searching for the study of the LEA, we did not find any prior publications or submissions evaluated the differences in LEA between diabetic and non-diabetic patients using dual-source CT and 320- multidetector CT.

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