Reviewer's report

Title: Potential risk factors of diabetic neuropathy: a case control study

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Re: 'Potential risk factors of diabetic neuropathy: a case control study'
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- Major Compulsory Revisions
  The authors stated that the multivariate regression method was used, but the Results section does not include the results at all. All the presented data were based on the univariate regression method.

  For example, patients’ age and disease duration should be correlated, and not independent factors. Beta-values (coefficient) and p-values for each factor by the multivariate logistic regression analysis should be described. These analyses can be made easily using SPSS software.

- Minor Essential Revisions
  "EMG-NCV" is not a conventional term. Probably, “nerve conduction studies or electrodiagnostic studies” would be better. Electrodiagnostic criteria for the presence of neuropathy should be added.

- Discretionary Revisions
  In the Abstract, ACEI should be spelled out.

What next?: Reject because scientifically unsound

Level of interest: An article of insufficient interest to warrant publication in a scientific/medical journal

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.