Reviewer’s report

Title: Treatment of the Diabetic Foot - To amputate or not?

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The paper is nicely written and provides a complete overview of the complexity of diabetic foot management.
I would suggest some revisions.

Major Compulsory Revisions

1) Section “Revascularization”, page 10, second line: “vessels above the knee and below the ankle tend to be relatively spared”. Indeed, diabetic ischemic foot typically involves infra-popliteal AND pedal arteries (see for instance, Reference number 11), which is often the reason why distal bypass grafts are unfeasible, whereas below-the-ankle PTA becomes feasible and although represents the only chance for revascularization (refer for instance to Palena LM et al. Catheter Cardiovasc Interv. 2014 and same authors Cardiovasc Intervent Radiol. 2014)

Minor Essential Revisions

2) Section “Revascularization”, page 9 third line: this paragraph (“revascularization…in these cases. [3,17]) should be moved at the very end of the section regarding revascularization.

3) Some editing is required, for instance spacing among the words sometimes is missing and the sentence in the Summary section “endovascular procedures is the future”(page 13 line 4)

Discretionary Revisions

4) I would suggest adding a Table summarizing the Texas University Classification (as you did in Table 1 for the Wagner-Meggitt classification)

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests