Reviewer’s report

Title: Impact of type 2 diabetes on lower urinary tract symptoms in men: a cohort study

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This is a clear and well-written investigation of diabetes and severity of LUTS. Diabetes, obesity, and symptoms of the metabolic syndrom have been associated with BPH or LUTS previously. This study provides a stronger analysis by utilizing data from two large cohorts of men with baseline LUTS measurement. A subsample of one cohort includes repeated LUTS measurement for changes in LUTS severity over time associated with diabetes. Results suggest an association with prevalent LUTS, but not LUTS progression. There are trends consistent with a relationship between more severe diabetes and LUTS. This manuscript was submitted previously, and authors responded to review. Conclusions are consistent with presented data. There are no major or minor revisions.

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