Reviewer’s report

Title: The association between history of diabetic foot ulcer, perceived health and psychological distress: the Nord-Trondelag Health Study

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Reviewer: Loretta Vileikyte

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The authors attempted to respond to most of the critique. The main problem with this manuscript is its inadequate definition of foot ulceration. However, as their findings are in line with those of studies that used appropriate definitions and sources for foot ulceration and diabetic complications, it would probably be sufficient if they deleted this very unusual definition of foot ulceration of greater than 3 weeks and adequately acknowledge the limitations of foot ulcer self-report. This reviewer is a member of numerous national and international diabetic foot advisory boards, guidelines panels and thus is familiar with this field. Also acknowledged should be the fact that diabetic complications such as neuropathy and nephropathy are not included in their models among the diabetes-specific variables.

Please describe the well-being measure in the text as you described it in your response letter.

Few typos (abstract, 1st sentence ...impact of hx of a foot ulcer ON physical health; background 2nd para: ref 4 the author's surname Ragnarson-Tennval)

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'