Reviewer's report

Title: The foot-health of people with diabetes in a regional Australian population: a prospective clinical audit

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All prior critiques have been adequately addressed from my review, with the exception of the original Major Compulsory Revisions 1. However, with the additional clarification in the main text I consider this now to be a Discretionary Revision. Anyway it relates to:

Abstract: Results: Sentence 2. “Over 49% had a UT risk classification at a level of at least peripheral neuropathy”. I think this is still unfortunately misleading, resulting in the reader assuming that over 49% had peripheral neuropathy”. May I suggest this is tightened as the authors have done in Discussion: Paragraph 2: Sentence 2 by just saying “Over 49% had a UT risk classification at a level at least peripheral neuropathy or more serious diabetes-related foot morbidity” to absolutely clarify to the reader reading the abstract.

I congratulate the authors on such a comprehensive review and also for reminding me that the “ischaemic foot (ABI < 0.8)” does actually specifically sit in the UT risk classification “active diabetes-related foot complications” group. I also don’t know if it didn’t come out in the PDF, but, the revised manuscript didn’t contain any underlining or highlighting of changes which did make identifying changes in the 2nd manuscript to the 1st a little difficult at times. Overall, though, very well done to the authors and I look forward to seeing this manuscript published in JFAR.

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.