Reviewer’s report

Title: Foot Insensitivity Predicts Is Associated With Renal Function Decline In Patients With Type 2 Diabetes: A Cohort Study

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In this prospective observational cohort study the authors report increased risk of eGFR decline in T2DM patients with foot insensitivity. Overall, the study is well presented with interesting results for the readership. There are few discretionary comments for consideration.

1. It would be of interest to examine if baseline microalbuminuria or ACR predicts eGFR decline and how this compares to foot insensitivity.

2. If foot insensitivity was more common in white Europeans compared to south Asians, does it confer the same risk in eGFR decline in both populations?

3. It would help if more detail can be provided on the regression model used. E.g. were covariates included in separate blocks, which regression method was used e.g. enter, stepwise etc.

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