Reviewer’s report

Title: Community based study to assess the prevalence of diabetic foot syndrome and associated risk factors among people with diabetes mellitus.

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Overall, the information provided in the manuscript is good to add to the literature. The following recommendations are made to strengthen the manuscript:

1. Line 12 and 166 - stating tissue breakdown and then "resulting in ulceration" is redundant.

2. The paragraph in Lines 18 - 22 doesn't contribute to the "Background" section.

3. I would reorganize/rewrite the "Materials and Methods" section. The first two sentences of the second paragraph (Lines 42 - 45) should be at the beginning of the first paragraph.

4. Line 53 should be at the beginning of the "Materials and Methods" section.

5. Line 60 - 61. The instrument used to obtain blood pressure does not need to be stated. Where any other vital signs recorded? Why or why not? Why just blood pressure?
6. Lines 69 - 70, delete "2015" as one would hope the most recent version of the classification system was used. Also, delete "based on comprehensive foot examination". This must be done in order to utilize the classification system so its redundant.

7. Line 72 - "Health Education" needs to be defined. The importance of health education is stated in the abstract and conclusion yet it is never expanded upon throughout the paper. Delete this aspect or expand upon it.

8. Basic paragraph structure needs to be addressed in the "Results" and "Discussion" section.

9. The last paragraph before the "Conclusion" section should start with weaknesses/limitations of the study. Use the study strengths to support how they minimize the limitations of the study.

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