Reviewer's report

Title: Predictors of vascular complications among type II diabetes mellitus patients at University of Gondar Referral Hospital: a retrospective follow-up study.

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Specific comments to the authors

1. Currently we use the term "Type 2" diabetes instead "Type II".
2. In the Abstract, all the abbreviations should be expanded when used for the first time.
3. Thorough spell check should be done throughout the manuscript.
4. What was mean age at diagnosis and duration of diabetes? What was the duration of diabetes at the time of screening/ registered for the study e.g. 3 months, 6 months or 12 months duration. In short, define newly diagnosed diabetes. How many of them have not started treatment at the time of registration?
5. What were the vascular complications the authors intend to estimate in this study? If it is retinopathy, nephropathy, neuropathy, stroke, CHD and PAD, what was the definition criteria used? Were the patients assessed for complications at the start of the study and at the end of follow up? The authors have given importance to the predictors but not the complications. A separate table can be given showing the incident rate of all the complications and their independent predictors for each complication.
6. Table 1 can be remodeled by giving both the frequency and percentages (n [%] and Mean ± SD [standard deviation] for whichever variables possible.
7. In Table 3, it has been given as Adjusted HR, but nowhere in the text, they have mentioned for what they have adjusted. Also, what do the stars denote should be given as foot note below the table? In this, one of the predictor's family history shows those who don't have positive family history have high risk of complications. This data needs to be verified.
8. What was the definition and guidelines used for hypertension and cholesterolemia. Give references.

9. Latest references can be given instead of older one for IDF and ADA.

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