Reviewer’s report

Title: Mortality in patients with diabetic foot ulcer: a retrospective study of 513 cases from a single centre in the Northern Territory of Australia.

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REVIEWER COMMENTS FROM REPORT: Overall good analysis and data collection of patients with diabetes and ulceration. The authors have a large population for comparison of many factors. I especially like the comparison between indigenous and non indigenous populations. There has been significant evaluation of risk factors associated with diabetic ulcerations. The study would benefit from further evaluation of does severity of ulceration result in different mortality? Perhaps further delve into the connection between CKD and ulcerations?

REQUESTED REVISIONS:

Much work has been done in this field. I would look at mortality in CKD patients without ulcerations as a comparison to see if the presence of ulcerations shortens lifespan. I would also like to know if the authors can suggest some mechanism that relates CKD to ulcerations? Not all patients with diabetes and ulcerations have CKD, what makes this mortality worse? I would like to see followup studies with even further followup. The authors should consider putting the table into graph form.

ADDITIONAL REQUESTS/SUGGESTIONS:

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