Reviewer’s report

Title: Predictors of intra-hospital mortality in patients with diabetic foot ulcers in Nigeria: data from the MEDFUN Study.

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This study is well-planned and appropriate data collected to meet the objectives of the study. The Nigerian patients are very young when compared to many other parts of the world, where the age group for DFU and amputation, is about 70yrs. This can be mentioned as an interesting finding in the study. The high mortality could be due to selection bias as only sick patients would be admitted to tertiary care hospitals. Though it is not an interventional study and it is understood that standard care was provided to all the study patients, it would be good to compare the treatment these patients received and its influence on mortality. Whether amputation increased the risk of mortality? Age is shown as a risk factor- Is it possible that older patients with multiple co-morbidities were offered or they chose to be on conservative and not aggressive surgical management.

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