Reviewer’s report

Title: The comparative efficacy of angiosome-directed and indirect revascularisation strategies to aid healing of chronic foot wounds in patients with co-morbid diabetes mellitus and critical limb ischaemia: a literature review

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I find the article very interesting, thorough and pertinent to the challenges faced by clinicians working with lower limb vascular disease, diabetes & wound care. The authors show a depth of knowledge of the subject area and demonstrate this well in the critical appraisal of the existing evidence base and their discussion. I think the choice of a patient centred outcome measure of wound healing is progressive and in line with Cochrane and NICE recommendations for quality clinical research.

Suggestions for possible corrections and small changes are:

Change the word 'have' to 'has' in line 153

Change the CLI indication value for toe pressure from < 50 mmHg to < 30 mmHg, or discuss your choice of 50 mmHg

Consider using alternative words that are a little easier to understand for reading clinicians than the following - nascent, superannuated, nebulous, dubiety, propitious

Finally, I would have like to have seen specific mention of the key modifiable cardiovascular risks that both lead to pad / cli and if not optimally controlled may also impact on intervention outcomes, e.g. Smoking status, hypertension, hyperlipidaemia and hyperglycaemia.

I think overall it's a great article and will add to the existing literature in this area of clinical practice and research.

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