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Title: Gender differences in attitudes and attributes of people using therapeutic shoes for diabetic foot complications

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Reviewer #1: Thank you for this manuscript which I believe will be of interest to readers of this journal. The only comment I wish to make is that your background information, particularly Line 5 of the Abstract, could be misinterpreted to suggest evidence for therapeutic footwear for both primary and secondary DFU prevention. I believe a statement addressing the lack of evidence for primary DFU prevention would be helpful.

Authors: We have now clarified on line 5 that the statement refers to secondary prevention. In the background, we discuss therapeutic shoes in the context of secondary prevention (lines 44-7) and we believe that putting in an extra statement on the lack of evidence on primary prevention would break the line of reasoning.

Reviewer #2: A very interesting, well conducted study and well written paper. Good discussion of limitations and implications for clinical practice.

I have no revisions to suggest (a first for me!).

Authors: Thank you!

Additional comment of Authors: we noticed an incorrect figure (line 100). This has now been corrected.