Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Effect of contact with podiatry in a team approach context on diabetic foot ulcer and lower extremity amputation: systematic review and meta-analysis

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**Reviewer:** Luke Taylor

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An interesting look at the existing literature, in particular whether the individual contribution of members of the MDT can be established.

The Abstract (lines 19/20) states looking at outcomes of LEA and DFU, but lines 23/24 only refer to LEA outcomes. The impact of podiatry on DFU (incidence/recurrence/or similar) should be addressed in the abstract along with LEA for completeness.

Line 258/9- authors used census data to add context to previously published incidence in original aper. Was the fidelity of this analysis checked with the original authors. E.g. local referral patterns and nearby hospital role delineatons may have impacted patient presentation patterns in the census district and make the interpretation difficult.

Discussion re: profession or intervention impact is useful to the ongoing understanding of DFU/LEA in this patient cohort.

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