Reviewer's report

Title: Incidence of lower extremity amputation in the diabetic compared to the non-diabetic population: A Systematic Review protocol

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1. Is the study design appropriate?
   Yes.

2. Are sufficient details provided to allow replication of the work or comparison with related analyses: if not, what is missing?
   1) Page 4, 3rd paragraph, Outcomes, “Level of LEA; all, major, minor”. Would it be useful to readers by providing the definition of level of LEA (all, major, minor)?
   2) Page 4, 2nd paragraph, line 3, typing mistake of “und”.
   3) Page 5, Study selection process, inclusion and exclusion criteria, 3rd paragraph, Last sentence, “Moreover, we will use other resources to search for potentially eligible studies such as reference lists of review articles and relevant studies.” This sentence should be move to “Information sources”.

3. Is the planned statistical analysis appropriate?
   Yes.
   1) I think you are going to report the 95%CIs of IR and RR as well, please mention in the manuscript.

4. Is the writing acceptable?
   Yes.