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Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Diabetic foot is a frequent complication of DM due to vascular and neuropathological damage and is the main reason for amputation and death. The article by Liu FS et al. reviewed the traditional Chinese medicine as adjuvant therapy for diabetic foot. In general, this is a clear and well-written manuscript. but there are some minor problems:

- 1) The manuscript is not a systematic review. However, the review lacks a detailed and comprehensive plan and search strategy defined in advance with the goal to minimize bias by including all relevant studies to the particular topic of the review. In order to avoid a certain one-sidedness, especially with regard to clinical consequences at least a short material and methods section should be added summarizing the search strategy and indicating if some sort of quality assessment was used for the primary literature or what other what other benchmarks/ criteria were used in the selection process.
- 2) There are typos in the article.



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1.DFU is caused by various factors, including peripheral neuropathy, arterial disease, and foot deformity and trauma, is the above treatment effective for dfu caused by all factors? If yes please explain the mechanism. 2.As a review, the articles are more comprehensive and less elaboration, and the innovation is not enough. 3.In terms of conclusions, there is no summary of the specific mechanism of traditional Chinese medicine as an adjuvant therapy for diabetic foot.



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I think there are still very few high-quality works in this area. I agree with the same authors when they repeatedly point out that higher quality clinical trials are needed to delineate the safety and efficacy of traditional Chinese medicine as an adjuvant therapy for DF. When there are not sufficient articles in the literature to write a review, we do not write a review. In such case, if we still want to write one, other article types such as letter to the editor or opinion article could be appropriate. We do not write a review just to say there is not many articles to write a review on this topic. Unfortunately, this article could help nobody in the field.



RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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The authors have considered my suggestion and improved the paper accordingly. I've non further comments on it.