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Diabetic foot syndrome: Immune-inflammatory features as possible cardiovascular markers in diabetes

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Dear Editor,

We thank all the reviewers for their thorough assessment of our manuscript and for the appreciation

We answered only to reviewer 2 and 3 due to the fact that reviewer 1 have accepted our article for publication without comments

Reviewer 2

Dear reviewer thank you for your thorough evaluation of our manuscript

- **Needs some language corrections before being published**

As suggested by reviewer we revised English style by the help of a mother tongue expert

- **Please cite the aim of the review in the abstract section**

We added the aim of review in the abstract section

- **In the general management of the diabetic foot, the authors can discuss the paper from Ciccone MM et al.: Interventional therapy in diabetic foot: risk factors, clinical events and prognosis at one year follow-up (a study of 103 cases). *Pak J Biol Sci.* 2012 Aug 15;15(16):789-94. 4) Furthermore, I think that novel approaches to PAD and its consequences should be considered, such as shock waves therapy (see for example Ciccone MM et al. *Adv Ther.* 2012 Aug;29(8):698-707).**

As suggested, we have included a section on peripheral arterial disease and discussed the articles indicated

Reviewer 3:

Thank you for your comments

- **Although the editorial team may also assess the quality of the written English**

We revised English style by the help of a mother tongue expert

- **Due to the very strict link of T2D with NAFLD, Authors are kindly requested to comment this point and quote the following papers, to give a more balanced view of the problem, i.e., What about non-alcoholic fatty liver disease as a new criterion to define metabolic syndrome? World J Gastroenterol. 2013 Jun 14;19(22):3375-84. What is the role of adiponectin in obesity related non-alcoholic fatty liver disease? World J Gastroenterol. 2013 Feb 14;19(6):802-12. Serum Bcl-2 concentrations in overweight-obese subjects with nonalcoholic fatty liver disease.. World J Gastroenterol. 2011 Dec 28;17(48):5280-8. JNKs, insulin resistance and inflammation: A possible link between NAFLD and coronary artery disease. World J Gastroenterol. 2011 Sep 7;17(33):3785-94. doi: 10.3748/wjg.v17.i33.3785. Spleen: A new role for an old player? World J Gastroenterol. 2011 Sep 7;17(33):3776-84. High prevalence of nonalcoholic fatty liver in patients with idiopathic venous thromboembolism.. World J Gastroenterol. 2010 Dec 28;16(48):6119-22. Hepatic steatosis, low-grade chronic inflammation and hormone/growth factor/adipokine imbalance World J Gastroenterol. 2010 Oct 14;16(38):4773-83.**

As suggested, we have included a section on NAFLD and discussed the articles listed with the exception of the articles about spleen and DVT to avoid diverge from the purpose of this review that is to highlight the immune inflammatory features of diabetic foot syndrome (DFS) and its possible role as a marker of cardiovascular risk in diabetes patients