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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: manuscript 14792).

Title: Assessment of Cardiovascular Risk in Diabetes: Risk Scores and Provocative Testing

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

- (1) *In this publication authors give an overview of cardiovascular risk scores and provocative testing in patients with diabetes. They also suggest an improved algorithm for investigation of cardiovascular disease in those patients. The manuscript is well written. For better understanding, all abbreviations should be explained (in the text and in the tables). In the algorithm the authors do not mention assessment of peripheral pulses (although they do mention claudication). Maybe that should also be mentioned because it is of low cost and every doctor can perform it (just to stress it out, some of the colleagues forget to do it).*

All abbreviations have been explained in full, in both text and in tables.

We have changed the algorithm to include assessment of peripheral pulses (see page 17). We will also upload a powerpoint file in order for changes to be made.

We have also stressed the importance of checking for peripheral pulses given the ease of this screening method (see page 7).

- (2) *The review is very well written and complete. Minor concerns please explain what is the UKPDS model. Please quote the following articles for completeness: Early origins of adult disease: Low birth weight and vascular remodeling (Review) Visentin, S. Grumolato, F. Nardelli, G.B.a Di Camillo, B.Grisan, E Cosmi, E. Atherosclerosis Volume 237, Issue 2, December 01, 2014, Pages 391-399*

We have now explained briefly what the UKPDS model is (see page 5). We have also included the reference the reviewers have suggested (see page 5).

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Diabetes*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Lam', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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