

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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			<input type="checkbox"/> No expertise
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			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
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## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Thank you for the opportunity to review this well-written study on the effects of DN on QoL of people with T1D. The topic is interesting and the results have indeed some useful clinical implications. I have some comments on the study: 1. It is accurate that the



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majority of previous studies that examined the impact of DN on QoL have included mixed (T1D and T2D) populations; however, the negative impact of DN on QoL exclusively in people with T1D has been previously highlighted in the literature [please see Jacobson et al., Diabetes Care 2013;36(10):3131-38]. It would be useful this research to be cited in the relevant part of the discussion. 2. To assess the impact of DN on QoL, it would be more reasonable to recruit as controls people with T1D but without DN, and not healthy individuals, in order to diminish the effects of diabetes itself, on QoL. This may be a confounder amplifying the impact of DN on QoL and I think it's appropriate this aspect to be included and discussed in the article. 3. The other limitations of this study are already mentioned and discussed by the authors, therefore there is no need in repeating them. Some more minor suggestions: • Please clarify whether the study protocol was approved by the ethics committee of the institute conducted in. • Which was the method used for HbA1C assessment? • The results section is very short and unbalanced compared to introduction and discussion. It could be more extended and informative.

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