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The manuscript on foot ulcer, risk-factors and antibiotic resistance is an interesting systematic review covering specific ulcer-related aspects in diabetic population. It is a well written systematic review which covers the epidemiology, relevant risk factors and the role of antimicrobial treatment. The manuscript may be useful for the physicians dealing with diabetic patients. Please see the following comments; The references in the text should be renumbered as one (Al-Rubeaan et al., 2015) has been left without the number. 2) All acronyms if mentioned for the first time should be explained (for example...IDSA/IWGDF Grades). 3) All acronyms in the table should be explained in the footnotes. 4) In the Methods section "... Prevalence of diabetic foot ulcer, Risk factors of diabetic foot ulcer,...."some words, separated by comma start with capital letters 5) please explain the meaning of DFU in the text 6) acronyms should not be used in the title of the tables 7) please explain HbA1C 8) O'rourke should be written with capital R 9) Moreover, other studies focused on evaluating the antibiotic susceptibility patterns of isolates to develop effective treatment plans [37-40] - plans in superscript should be corrected 10) names of bacteria..... for example *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Escherichia coli*, *Proteus mirabilis*, *Pseudomonas spp* - should be written in italic throughout the text 11) please explain MRSA in the text 12) data in the Table 1 should be uniformly written and shortened!; for example in column Ulcer description, there is no need for the repetition such as Ulcer characteristics were.....13) Table 1, column Duration of Diabetes, 13 - please explain the propose of number 13 14) please state all the acronyms in the tables in the footnotes with explanations 14) Table 2 - shorten the data in Table 2 as much as possible 15) references should be written according to the Journal requirements; volume number in bold numbers.

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