

Response to Reviewers

We appreciate the editorial team and the reviewers for an insightful review. Kindly find below our comments:

1. The acronym for PAD was written in full at first mention, and the acronym has been used in subsequent mentions in the manuscript. This also applies to IC.
2. 'Entrapment' has been deleted from the quoted statement as advised
3. As advised, the sentence "Rates of PAD using IC is generally lower compared with those obtained using ABI", has been moved to align with the previous paragraph, where prevalence rates using IC and ABI were mentioned.
4. The specific diagnostic methods in the statement "Also, as obtained among the general populace, the prevalence of PAD differed depending on the diagnostic method used", have been included.
5. Figure 1 has been updated as advised
6. The statement "Since most type 2 diabetic patients would have had DM for about 10-20 years before diagnosis, they are particularly at risk" has been modified.
7. ABI has been summarised using Table 1 as suggested.
8. Conclusion has been written.