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**COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

**GENERAL COMMENTS:** This is a good review paper. Authors have comprehensive reviewed the risk factors, epidemiology, pathogenesis, symptoms, signs, diagnosis and managements including different treatments in relation to the diabetic food disease (DFD). Therefore, this paper is relevant for the readership of WJD and suggested to publish in WJD. However, authors need to make further format changes according to the request of WJD. Furthermore, authors should provide following information. 1, complete title page, please provide subtitle of the review, corresponding author's name and detail contact information, and funding information if it is possible. 2, please provide several key words following the abstract. 3, please insert page number throughout the paper.

**SPECIFIC COMMENTS:** Title: The title accurately reflects the major topic and contents of the review, however it may be needed to add a running title. Abstract: The main topics have been outlined and the description is clear. Introduction: Although it is relative short, the concept of DFD is well introduced and the purpose of the review is also clearly mentioned. Main contents of the review: Authors have mentioned different topics in relation to DFD; especially the relationship of



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diabetic peripheral neuropathy and peripheral vascular disease with DFD is discussed in detail. Furthermore the principles of diabetic foot ulcers management including diabetic foot wounds care are also well addressed. Reference list: the references are well cited and updated. MINOR COMMENTS Page 11: It is suggested to add a subtitle "Classification of DFD" in front of second paragraph. Then please delete the subtitle "Classification" below the second paragraph. Page 20: It is suggested to add a subtitle "Conclusion" in front of last paragraph. Then please delete the "concluding" at the beginning of first sentence. The first sentence should be read as "Diabetic foot ulceration is generally preventable." CLASSIFICATION OF THE MANUSCRIPT Grade B. LANGUAGE EVALUATION Grade B



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This manuscript is a comprehensive review of foot disease of diabetes. It covers pathophysiology, diagnosis and treatment. However, it does not contain reference to stem cell therapy. As an experimental treatment for PAD, bone marrow or peripheral blood derived stem cell is injected into affected limb in some countries. It is suggested that the effect of stem cell therapy is mediated by HGF secreted by the injected stem cells. Therefore it is a kind of growth factor therapy. Although it is not popular at this time point, I think it seems better to include some description of stem cell therapy.