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<b>Conclusion</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

1. The manuscript was performed well, but some contents need to be added. For example: (1) vitamin B12 deficiency in specific populations such as the elderly or pregnant women. (2) vitamin B12 deficiency in different ethnic people including Asian. 2. There were several previous reviews addressing this issue, such as "Recommendations for diagnosis and management of metformin-induced vitamin B12(Cbl) deficiency", "Vitamin B12 status in metformin treated patients: systematic review", "The role of metformin on vitamin B12 deficiency: a meta-analysis review". Are there new insights in this review different from the previous reviews. 3. There were some spelling mistakes including not required capitalized "Topic Highlight" on line 16 in Abstract and wrong unit on line 8 in chapter "treatment of vitamin B12 deficiency".



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This review gave us a fully and comprehensive introduction of long-term metformin therapy and vitamin B12 deficiency. The evidences can support the ideas. In the end, the authors gave the methods not only in screening high risk patients but also treating recommendation. There are some mistakes in manuscript, please see the comments in reviewed manuscript.



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The author has revised it as requested without any other special comments.