## **Response to editor's comments:**

Q1: More than 50% of the cited references don't represent publications from the recent 5 years. Please update some of your references with a more recent publication. Please address reviewer's comment.

**Response:** Thank you very much for your review with valuable suggestions. We have updated the new references.

## **Response to Reviewer's comments:**

**Q1.** Most of my questios and suggestions were addesssed by the authors. However, the authors did not include the description of methods used for diagnosis of diabetic peripheral neuropathy, and it should be included "All the patients met the World Health Organization diagnostic criteria for T2DM and Diabetic Neuropathies, A statement by the American Diabetes Association diagnostic criteria for DPN[23]."

*Response:* Thank you very much for your review with valuable suggestions. We greatly appreciate the time you have contributed to the review process. We have added the the diagnostic criteria for DPN.