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Reviewer #1: The authors present an interesting topic about screening patient in ICU for diabetes in community with high prevalence of diabetes. Authors summarized and concluded that universal screening of DM has beneficial to prevent microvascular complications but not much difference is seen in the macrovascular maladies. Although the manuscript has delivered important clinical message and should be of great interest to the readers, several factors limit the publication of the paper in its current form.

R: Thank you.

C1: The different methods of screening were used in the different studies including risk score, fasting plasma glucose, HbA1c concentrations or tests for oral glucose tolerance. Did these differences cause the different results in the different studies? Authors should discuss it in the article.

R1: Thank you. We agree with you. Yes it will create issues with results. We have added it to discussion- as *“However, various methods of screening may have used in the different studies including risk score, fasting plasma glucose, HbA1c concentrations or tests for oral glucose tolerance. This questions the applicability of a universal operational definition for DM diagnosis.”*

C2: More relevant studies should be introduced and discussed in the article for powerfully supporting their results.

R2: Thank you. We have included couple of additional pertinent points as above and – *“Siegelhaar et al, in their meta-analysis showed that the diabetic patients have higher chances of developing complications like sepsis or organ failure and these in turn have increased mortality rate compared to non-diabetic population. However, Diabetes does not serve as an independent factor for ICU mortality and after acquiring complications the mortality rate would be same in diabetic as well as non-diabetic patients.”*

Reviewer #2: The manuscript is well written, straightforward and descriptive. Some typo and punctuation errors are present along the whole text, which need to be fixed.

R: Thank you. Two of the authors are convent English educated. Additionally, now we have it reviewed from a native English speaker. All suggestions are incorporated and we have edited the manuscript extensively.