

POINT BY POINT RESPONSE TO THE REVIEWERS

The authors would like to kindly thank the reviewers for their work and comments on the manuscript. The point by point response is provided below.

Reviewer #1: This is a comprehensive review of the available cardiovascular risk assessment investigation tools in diabetic patients. It is well referenced and informative, worthy of publishing. Authors can make the article even more useful by adding a flow chart of the tests clinicians should do in the work up of diabetic patients.

Response: Thank you for these positive remarks. Due to several possible tests for non-invasive cardiovascular risk assessment in patients with diabetes and chronic kidney disease, we believe that it is impossible to provide a flow chart for everyday clinical practice. We believe the provided figure should give insight into cardiovascular risk assessment in these patients and clinicians should decide which tests to perform, based on patient data and on availability of certain tests.

Reviewer #2: This is a sound and informative article for the WJD readers.

Response: Thank you for this comment.

POINT BY POINT RESPONSE TO THE SCIENTIFIC EDITOR

The authors would like to kindly thank to the scientific editor for his/her work on the manuscript. The point by point response is provided below.

(1) Scientific quality: The manuscript describes a review of the diabetic patients with chronic kidney disease: non-invasive assessment of cardiovascular risk. The topic is within the scope of the WJD. (1) Classification: Grade A and Grade B.

Response: Thank you.

(2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: This is a comprehensive review of the available cardiovascular risk assessment investigation tools in diabetic patients. It is well referenced and informative. The questions raised by the reviewers should be answered.

Response: Thank you, the questions raised by the reviewers have been answered.

(3) Format: There is 1 table and 1 figure. A total of 195 references are cited, including 39 references published in the last 3 years. There are 18 self-citations (Ref. 27, 28, 29, 30, 64, 67, 70, 72, 73, 74, 100, 101, 115, 117, 125, 137, 156, 180). The topics of some self-citations are not very related to this study. 2 Language evaluation: Classification: Two Grades A. A language editing certificate issued by a native English speaker was provided. 3 Academic norms and rules: No academic misconduct was found in the Bing search. 4 Supplementary comments: This is an invited manuscript. No financial support was obtained for the study. The topic has not previously been published in the WJD.

Response: Thank you. We have deleted some of self-citations that were not directly associated with the topic of the manuscript: reference numbers 27 and 29, reference numbers 72 and 74 and reference number 180. Reference number 73 is now mentioned later on in the manuscript (and is now the reference number 141). We believe that all the other references are directly connected to the findings of the manuscript.

Issues raised: (1) The authors did not provide original pictures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor;

Response: the original figure picture (prepared with using Power Point) has been provided.

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Response: This has now been added and corrected.

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