

## Cover letter

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Dear Editor-in-Chief of Journal of the Medical Sciences,

I am submitting a manuscript for consideration of publication categorized as a review article in Journal of the Medical Sciences. The manuscript is entitled “Pathogenesis, Evaluation, and Recent Management of Diabetic Foot Ulcer”.

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Diabetic foot ulcer is a major health problem throughout the world because of its impacts in the quality of life of the patients, their families, and societies and because of the high-cost management. Indonesia faces the same burden on its healthcare system as the fourth countries with the highest numbers of diabetes. Data in RSUP Dr. Cipto Mangunkusumo Jakarta (RSCM) in 2011 showed that there was 8.7% foot ulcer as the complications of diabetes mellitus. The major health problem caused by diabetic foot ulcers encourages us to review the pathogenesis of diabetic foot ulcer in order to understand and able to manage the cause of the nonhealing ulcer; what should be done in the initial evaluation to detect patients with risk factors for chronic nonhealing ulcer; how to classify diabetic foot ulcer to plan the treatment strategies and to predict the need for hospitalization or lower extremity amputation; and the recent recommended managements for diabetic foot ulcers to be given to the patients in order to achieve more healing ulcers and to decrease the amputation rate.

We believe that this manuscript will provide better perspective to treat patients with diabetic foot ulcers. We suggest Dr. dr. Niken Trisnowati. M.Sc., Sp.KK (Department of Dermatology and Venereology, Faculty of Medicine, Public Health and Nursing, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta), Dr. dr. Woro Rukmi Pratiwi, M.Kes., Sp.PD (Department of Pharmacology and Therapy, Faculty of Medicine, Public Health and Nursing, Universitas

Gajah Mada, Yogyakarta), and dr. Inneke Jane Hidajat, M.Kes., Sp.KK (Department of Dermatology and Venereology, Faculty of Medicine, Universitas Katolik Indonesia Atma Jaya, Jakarta; email: innejane@gmail.com) for evaluation of this article. This work has not been presented or submitted to any other journals and will not be until your editors reach their decision on publication of this manuscript. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lorettha', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Lorettha Wijaya