

Table S2. Exclusion criteria

Diabetes mellitus with HbA1c >9.5%
Serum albumin <2.5 g/dl
Severe renal insufficiency
Hepatic insufficiency
Connective-tissue disease
Systemic infection
Local-wound infection
Pregnancy or lactation
Systemic-corticosteroid therapy
Treatment with immunosuppressants
Tumor-necrosis factor (TNF) inhibitor therapy
PPAR-gamma agonist treatment
In parallel, VLU and DFU had to have posterior tibial pulse and/or pedal present, and the arm-to-ankle pressure index (ABPI) had to be ≥ 0.8