



Fig. S1. Assessment of intraepidermal nerve fibre density (IENFD). Exemplary microscopic photographs of diabetic skin. (A) Reduced epidermal nerve fibre density (6.1 fibers/mm). (B) Severely reduced IENFD (<30% of normative cut-off value) (1.7 fibers/mm). The basement membrane is highlighted by a *dashed red line*. *Red arrows*: nerve fibres crossing the dermo-epidermal junction.