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Title: Prevalence of the metabolic syndrome in patients with carotid disease according to NHLBI/AHA and IDF criteria: a cross-sectional study

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Changes made in the manuscript “Prevalence of the metabolic syndrome in patients with carotid disease according to NHLBI/AHA and IDF criteria: a cross-sectional study” by Maksimovic et al, MS ID: 9663849135917229

- On the title page initial of the first author was changed – initial letter M was replaced by letter Z.
- On the title page, “Number of tables: 4” was deleted.
- In the last paragraph of the “Method” section (page 5) “or specific medication” was added after “level of triglycerides ≥150 mg/dl (1.7 mmol/L)” (line 4) and after “low HDL cholesterol: in men <40 mg/dl (1.03 mmol/L), and in women <50 mg/dl (1.29 mmol/L)” (line 6).
- From the “Statistical analysis” section (page 5), a part of the second sentence “and as mean ± standard deviation (SD)” was deleted.
- At the end of the “Result” section (page 7) a new paragraph was added: “Analyses of drug treatment in patients (antihypertensive, hipolipidemic and for diabetes mellitus type 2) did not change differences in observed cardiovascular risk factors between compared groups (data not shown).”
- The “Authors contributions” section (page 10) was changed and it should read as follows: “MM and HV participated in the design of the study and in analysis and interpretation of data, and drafted the manuscript. DR and JJ participated in the design of the study. JM performed statistical analysis and participated in interpretation of data and drafting of the manuscript. All authors read and approved the final manuscript.”
- Tables were created in the MS Word auto-format template: simple 1 without vertical lines and in portrait page layout.
- Table placement text was removed from the “Results” section.
- In Table 4 some changes (not substantial) were performed.
- Various typographical and linguistic errors were corrected.