Reviewer's report

**Title:** Differential associations of central and brachial blood pressure with carotid atherosclerosis and microvascular complications in patients with Type 2 diabetes

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**Major Compulsory Revisions**
1. The English is poor. The authors need to give their paper to an English native speaker to improve the language. In present form I find it very difficult to read.
2. There are several mistakes in Tables, e.g. missing or incorrect units.
3. In Table 6 I miss information about which covariates were included in the analysis.
4. Figure 1 - it is well known that central and brachial SBP are highly correlated. What new information this Figure adds? Besides, there is an incorrect caption.

**Minor Essential Revisions**
1. The authors need to pay close attention to the preparation of manuscript. There are some sentences starting with small letter, some parenthesis without spaces before them, in tables some lines started with small, some with capital letters.
2. Provide information about quality of arterial measurement (intra or interobserver variability).

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.