Reviewer's report

Title: Predictive Value of Coronary Calcifications for Future Cardiac Events in Asymptomatic Patients with Diabetes mellitus: A prospective Study in 716 Patients over 8 Years

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Major Compulsory Revisions
None.

Minor Essential Revisions
Abstract: "from" not "form"
"significantly" not "significant"
Needs a "respectively" before the p value in the last line of the Results.

Page 4: typo -- Should be "possess an up . . ."

Page 9 typo: "event rate" not "events rate"

Page 6: Clarify whether participants were contacted during the 8 years after examination or only after 8 years (which would result in more incomplete and inaccurate reporting of disease and therapy). What does "An interim analysis was performed after 4 years" mean?

Page 11: It is not clear what "preselection due to concentrating on patients with diabetes referred for a cardiological examination" means. Does this refer to the current study? If so, this is the first mention of a "cardiologic" examination, unless you are referring to the CT scans.

Discretionary Revisions
Reference #3 is quite old and could be updated.

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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.