Author's response to reviews

Title: Morphological macrovascular alterations in complex regional pain syndrome type I demonstrated by increased intima-media thickness

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Dear Editorial Team,

Thank you very much for your reply. We are grateful to you and the reviewer for the helpful and constructive recommendations. We have again revised the manuscript according to your comments. The modifications of our manuscript are underlined and highlighted by using red font to allow for easy recognition. We have also provided table 3 as an additional file to make it accessible to the reader. Moreover the manuscript was checked and qualified by a proficient reader in English.

We hope that we have now met all the points raised by yours and the reviewers satisfactorily.

Sincerely yours

Prof. Dr. C. Maier
Reviewer's report

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Version: 2 Date: 26 December 2012

Reviewer: Frank Huygen

Reviewer's report:
Dear author's, thank you for the revision. I think the article is ready for Acceptance

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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' below
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Reviewer: Floris Schreuder

Reviewer's report:
First of all, I would like to thank the authors for their kind words. Secondly, I would like to complement them on the extensive revisions they have carried out. I can agree with nearly all adjustments. I agree with the authors that the editors should decide whether or not to include all tables in the printed version of the article. In addition, I would just like to specify some small details.

- Major Compulsory Revisions:
  All suggestions were adequately met. I have no new compulsory revisions.

- Minor Essential Revisions:
  1/ The title of reference 22 is only partially presented (page 26; line 5-7), it should state “Carotid artery intimal-medial thickness distribution in general populations as evaluated by B-mode ultrasound. ARIC Investigators.”
     Thank you for this remark. We have completed the reference.

- Discretionary Revisions:
  1/ The authors may consider removing the statement “(n.s.)” from the abstract (page 4; line 3), since this sentence is already clearly stating that there are no differences between subgroups.
     Thank you for this remark. We have removed “(n.s)”.

  2/ Page 9; line 4-5: Consider to rephrase the sentence “In both ... were measured” to “In the two patients’ groups both affected as well as unaffected extremities were measured”.
     Thank you for this remark. We have rephrased the sentence accordingly.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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