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Title: Two different ways of investigating the importance of established risk factors and C-reactive protein in the explanation of socioeconomic differences in cardiovascular events

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Dear Editor:

We have now made the changes suggested by the co-editors in-house and we now refer to and discuss our paper named "The role of low grade inflammation as measured by C-reactive protein levels in the explanation of socioeconomic differences in carotid atherosclerosis" in the present manuscript.

On p. 3 in the Background section we have added the sentence: "In a recent study on the Malmö Diet and Cancer Study cohort, we found a positive association between CRP and carotid atherosclerosis [10]."

On p. 13 in the Discussion section we have added some sentences discussing this paper:

"In a recent study on the MDCS cohort we found that low SEP was strongly associated with CRP, independently of potential mediating factors such as e.g., smoking and factors related to the metabolic syndrome. Furthermore, CRP levels were associated with the extent of carotid atherosclerosis. However, there was only a minor attenuation of the relative SEP gradient in carotid atherosclerosis after adjustment for CRP [10]."