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Rebuttal letter regarding BMIM-D-17-00127R1:
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Dear Editor

Thanks for the positive feed back for this manuscript. We have revised it regarding all raised issues.

More specifically,

1. All the abbreviations used in the manuscript are now listed just before the Declarations section. All abbreviations is still defined in the text at first use.

2. A single, final, clean version that does not contain any tracked changes, comments, highlights, strikethroughs or text in different colors has been uploaded. Figures remain uploaded as separate files.
3. Reviewer 4 found the reference list sparse, but publications on the topic is limited. The reviewer suggested to add two additional references, which mainly state (correctly) that CTA is not suitable to use for quantification of coronary artery calcification – we found, that this may not be the case for carotid calcification, and used them for this discussion.

Best wishes,

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