Author’s response to reviews

Title: The TXA2R rs1131882, P2Y1 rs1371097 and GPIIia rs2317676 three-loci interactions may increase the risk of carotid stenosis in patients with ischemic stroke

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Dear Dr. Dr. Samuel Harris and Dafne Solera,

Thank you very much for your decision letter and advice on our manuscript (MS ID: NURL-D-18-00486R3) entitled “The TXA2R rs1131882, P2Y1 rs1371097 and GPIIia rs2317676 three-loci interactions may increase the risk of carotid stenosis in patients with ischemic stroke”. We also thank the reviewers and editor for their constructive and positive comments and suggestions. Accordingly, we have revised the manuscript. All amendments are highlighted in red in the revised manuscript. In addition, our point-by-point responses to the comments are listed below this letter.

We hope that the revision is acceptable for publication in your journal.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Xingyang Yi and Jing Lin

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Replies to Reviewers’ Comments

First of all, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to the reviewers for their constructive and positive comments.

Technical Comments:

- Please move 'Acknowledgements' section and 'Funding' section inside the Declarations section.

Response: Thank you for your suggestion. We moved 'Acknowledgements' section and 'Funding' section inside the Declarations section in revised manuscript (page 18, Lines 2-6).

Editor Comments:

Many thanks for your revision in response to the reviewers' comments, which we find satisfactory. There is only one point we would like you to clarify: you list "IS in carotid artery territory" in the inclusion criteria. Could you please specify if this means only IS with carotid artery stenosis and no other artery stenosis, or whether cases of IS with carotid artery stenosis but also with other artery stenosis are included?

Response: We thank the reviewers and editor for your carefulness. In this study, "IS in internal carotid artery territory" means infarct lesions are located in internal carotid artery territory (anterior circulation infarction), including IS with symptomatic carotid artery stenosis (Carotid stenosis group) and IS without carotid stenosis (Non-carotid stenosis group), and IS with asymptomatic carotid stenosis or other artery stenosis (vertebrobasilar artery stenosis) were excluded. For clarify this, we revised this in revised manuscript (page 7, Lines 1-7).

Reviewer reports:

Response: We very thank the reviewers for their positive comments and suggestions. However, we did not see the Reviewers’ assessment in your letter. We did not know if the reviewers had other suggestions.
However, we do not know if our the revised manuscript is enough to satisfy the editor and reviewers. If the revised manuscript have some problems, please let us know.