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Title: Carotid Plaque Rather than Intima-media Thickness As A Predictor of Recurrent Vascular Events in Patients with Acute Ischemic Stroke

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Major Revisions:

1. Methods, carotid ultrasound examination: I would suggest to make this section clearer. Moreover, more details regarding the IMT evaluation should be reported: which is the length of the site were the measurement was performed? Which kind of semiautomatic measurement was adopted? Which is the robustness (i.e. repeatability) of this measurement?

2. Methods: therapy of patients should be reported.

3. Results: I would suggest to analyze also VEs predictive value of IMT in patients without plaque.

4. Discussions: from this section I would expect more evidence regarding the "additive" clinical value of the reported data with respect to other classical risk factor.

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