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The study is well-written and interesting and does not require any major changes. There are several "typos" and omitted words throughout the paper that could be cleaned up. Also, all abbreviations need to be defined. Other than that, I have no major revision comments

Response: All abbreviations have been defined and the manuscript has been edited.

This is an interesting study evaluating the predictors of carotid intima-media thickness in patients with diabetes mellitus. The study is well-designed and the results are clearly presented. I would only suggest to remove the term "well-controlled" from the title and abstract, since the study population was not well-controlled (mean HbA1c 7.3% and LDL-C 2.4 mmol/l).

Response: Well controlled has been removed from the title and abstract.

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