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RE: Manuscript Number 10975

Title: Balloon test occlusion of an internal carotid artery: angiographic findings
predictive of test results

Dear Professor Filippo Cademartiri, Editor-in-Chief,

We are very pleased with your kind letter. We have revised our manuscript
according to your and reviewer's comments as much as we could. We are willing
to know your acceptance.

Sincerely,
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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

Reviewer(s)' Comments to Author:

Reviewer: 1

Comments to the Author

The authors have performed a good study, the results of which deserved to be published. I would only ask the authors to discuss the findings of a recent publication, namely: Liebeskind DS, Flint AC, Budzik RF, Xiang B, Smith WS, Duckwiler GR, Nogueira RG; for the MERCI and Multi-MERCI Investigators. Carotid I's, L's and T's: collaterals shape the outcome of intracranial carotid occlusion in acute ischemic stroke. J Neurointerv Surg. 2014 May 1. doi: 10.1136/neurintsurg-2014-011231. [Epub ahead of print] PubMed PMID: 24789707.

Do the authors feel there can be a correlation between the signs presented in the above publication and the balloon test occlusion tests? May such collaterals be responsible for a negative balloon test occlusion?

-Reply

Thank you for your comments. We reviewed the suggested article and added it to our references (#21). As you mentioned, we think our results are useful to clinical assessment of ischemic tolerance.

Reviewer: 2

Comments to the Author

The manuscript is interesting. However, the number of patients enrolled in this study is rather low.

-Reply

Thank you for your comments. We agree with you. However, we could not increase the number of the patients studied. Because of the retrospective

nature of this study, we could not add the patients anymore. In addition, we did include the latest case in the manuscript, therefore there is no new case.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

As we mentioned previously, we added 'Liebeskind DS, Flint AC, Budzik RF, Xiang B, Smith WS, Duckwiler GR, Nogueira RG; for the MERCI and Multi-MERCI Investigators. Carotid I's, L's and T's: collaterals shape the outcome of intracranial carotid occlusion in acute ischemic stroke. J Neurointerv Surg. 2014 May 1.' as ref #21.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the World Journal of Radiology.

Sincerely yours,