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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 11297-edited.doc).

Title: Evolution of Endovascular Mechanical Thrombectomy for Acute Ischemic Stroke

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

1. Format has been updated.

2. Revisions have been made according to the suggestions of reviewers:

(1) The suggested references have been referenced and/or discussed as follows:

Almekhlafi et al. in section: Introduction, paragraph 2.

Hayakawa et al. in section: Endovascular Mechanical Thrombectomy, paragraph 1.

Pereira et al. in section: Stentriever Devices, paragraph 2.

Kharitonova et al. in section: Introduction, paragraph 2.

Mokin et al. in section: Stentriever Devices, paragraph 2.

Fleishangthem et al. in section: Stentriever Devices, paragraph 1.

Spiotta et al. in section: MR Rescue, paragraph 1.

(2) Please also note that some small adjustments were made to Table 2 to more accurately reflect the objective findings of these important clinical studies.

(3) Please also note that a brief discussion of an emerging device, the Penumbra 3D Separator, was added.

(4) In response to the suggestion to better emphasize the use of intra-arterial

thrombolysis in modern day practice: The use of intra-arterial thrombolysis is discussed as an important component in the early stage of endovascular treatment of acute ischemic stroke. It is also discussed as an important component of prominent randomized clinical trials, which are discussed in detail. We feel that the current use of intra-arterial thrombolysis, however, is no longer common given the safety and efficacy of current endovascular device technologies. We have added a statement to this effect to the section: Endovascular Mechanical Thrombectomy, paragraph 1.

3. References and typesetting were corrected.

Sincerely yours,

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