

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 13648-review.doc).

Manuscript Title: Coronary Atherosclerosis is Already Ongoing in Pre-Diabetic Status
Insight from Intravascular Imaging Modalities

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The manuscript has been improved as follows:

1. Format has been updated.
2. Revision has been made according to the reviewers' suggestions.
3. References and typesetting were corrected.

Response to Reviewer #00506304

We sincerely appreciate this reviewer's helpful and thoughtful comments. All of the comments refer to important issues in our study. Our manuscript has been revised according to the reviewer's comments as follows:

1. Concerning the figures

According to the reviewer's suggestion, we added 3 figures (Figures 2–4) of representative images of cases without diabetes and with prediabetes and diabetes.

2. Concerning the subheadings

According to the reviewer's suggestion, we divided the "CORONARY ATHEROSCLEROSIS INDUCED BY GLUCOSE METABOLISM DISORDER" into 4 sections and added a subheading for each section.

3. Concerning the correlation between levels of HbA1c and plaque size

We found the IVUS studies of correlation between HbA1c levels and plaque. According to the reviewer's suggestion, we added 2 references (Refs.42 And 43) and 1 sentence (page 7, lines 160–162).

Response to Reviewer #0006459

We sincerely appreciate this reviewer's helpful and thoughtful comments. All of the comments refer to important issues in our study. Our manuscript has been revised according to the reviewer's comments as follows:

Figure 1 showed representative CAS images, and these images were obtained from different patients. We added 3 figures showing representative images of cases without diabetes and with prediabetes and diabetes (Figures 2–4). We also added Figure 5 to show the number of yellow plaques and the yellow grade in the 3 groups.

According to the reviewer's suggestion, the phrase that was unclear in our original manuscript has been revised to "plaques have a large lipid core under a thin fibrous cap" (page 4, line 69-70).

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