

Reply to the Reviewers and Editors' Comments

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the reviewers and editors for their comments. We have revised our manuscript carefully based on their suggestions, and our point-by-point responses are provided below. We are confident that the quality of our manuscript has improved. The changes in the revised manuscript are indicated by yellow highlight. Please let us know if there are any further questions or if any clarifications are required.

Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade C (Good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: 1. IVUS may totally replace traditional DSA in diagnosis and treatment of carotid artery disease. 2. Suggest acceptance. Good job.

RESPONSE: Thank you for your recognition of our research, and we intend to conduct further research.

4 LANGUAGE POLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR REVISED MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED BY AUTHORS WHO ARE NON-NATIVE SPEAKERS OF ENGLISH

As the revision process results in changes to the content of the manuscript, language problems may exist in the revised manuscript. Thus, it is necessary to perform further language polishing that will ensure all grammatical, syntactical, formatting and other related errors be resolved, so that the revised manuscript will meet the publication requirement (Grade A).

Authors are requested to send their revised manuscript to a professional English language editing company or a native English-speaking expert to polish the manuscript further. When the authors submit the subsequent polished manuscript to us, they must provide a new language certificate along with the manuscript.

RESPONSE: We have submitted the revised manuscript to a professional English language editing company to polish the manuscript and provide a new language certificate along with the revised manuscript.

5 ABBREVIATIONS

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Example 1: Hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC). Example 2: Helicobacter pylori (H. pylori)
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Example 1: Hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC). Example 2: Helicobacter pylori (H. pylori)
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RESPONSE: Thank you for the suggestions! We confirmed that we have followed the above rules on abbreviations, as recommended.

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RESPONSE: Thank you for your recognition of our research and we intend to conduct further research.

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RESPONSE: We have submitted the related formal ethics documents that were reviewed and approved by their local ethical review committee.

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