In Reply: The Preservation of Cognition 1 Year After Carotid Endarterectomy in Patients With Prior Cognitive Decline

To the Editor:

We have read with enthusiasm the referenced letter¹ in regards to our publication in *Neurosurgery* “The Preservation of Cognition 1 Year after Carotid Endarterectomy in Patients with Prior Cognitive Decline”.²

We would like to take this opportunity and thank the authors¹ for their kind words regarding our paper¹; we agree with the writers that these are clinically important questions such as the ones they are asking, that need to be addressed prospectively.

We agree that longitudinal brain change after CEA is of interest. Furthermore, we are planning magnetic resonance studies of the course of white matter and microvascular changes of the brain of patients at risk for stroke. The answers to some of the letter writer(s) questions will need to await such further studies.

Thank you for your kind words in considering our study a fundamental reference in your current research.

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