Endovascular treatment of carotid artery restenosis

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Editor, I have read the recent report on "Endovascular treatment of carotid artery restenosis" with a great interest¹. Lujan et al. concluded that "Endovascular treatment of carotid artery restenosis seems to be a feasible and safe approach in the short term¹." This work is limited by its nature of retrospective study with few subjects. The short-term success can be derived, but this might be due to the experience of the practitioner, good patient selection, or good instrument and it might not imply the efficacy and safety of the method. Indeed, in some large studies, a complication,

such as embolism, can be seen and this should be the major concern of selecting this technique².

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