



Supplementary Fig. 3. Representative case of carotid atheroma with CD117-stained mast cells. A : Carotid atherosclerosis developed in the intimal area during the early stage (cadaver study). B : Stable plaque showing very scantily stained area. C : Unstable plaque showing an area that is much more abundantly stained than the stained area of a stable plaque but less stained than the area stained with CD68 (brown). Arrowheads indicate CD117-positive area. A : adventitia, M : media, I : intima.