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Dear Editor:

Thank you for your correspondence of 1/28/2006 inviting us to submit a revised manuscript 1792435330703938, “The Reliability of the Ankle-Brachial Index in the Atherosclerosis (ARIC) Study and the NHLBI Family Heart Study (FHS).” We have made the revisions indicated in your letter and by the reviewer in the manuscript uploaded today. These revisions include:

- Addition of country to the affiliation details.
- Documentation of the institutional review boards that granted ethical approval for the study and the type of consent, under Methods.
- Changes in the order of presentation of the clinical relevance of the findings (under Discussion), according to the recommendation of the reviewer.
- Update to the Abstract (last sentence) that reflects the reviewer’s recommendation.

All of the authors have read and approved this revised manuscript.

Thank you for your consideration of this manuscript.

Sincerely,

Gerardo Heiss

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