Reviewer's report

Title: The Reliability of the Ankle-Brachial Index in the Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities (ARIC) Study and the NHLBI Family Heart Study (FHS)

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Reviewer: Ann M O'Hare

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General

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

suggest that the authors could bring discussion of clinical relevance earlier in discussion, plus insert sentence into first para of discussion and conclusion summarizing clinical relevance of their findings

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No