Reviewer's report

Title: Ethnic different in blood pressure among youth in Paramaribo, Suriname

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The aim of this cross-sectional study by Agyemang et al, performed in 855 adolescents in Paramaribo, was to examine the possibility of the influence of ethnic group on systolic and diastolic blood pressure, independently of anthropometric parameters, sex, age, and other parameters. The authors show that this is the case, underscoring the need for public health measures early in life to prevent high blood pressure and its sequelae in later life.

The study is interesting, well performed, well written, and original. There are no specific issue to be addressed.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.