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Dear Dr Shipley,

Thank you for allowing us to revise this manuscript once again.

We feel we have addressed all comments from the Reviewers, as outlined below. We hope that this revised manuscript will be suitable for publication. We enclose marked versions of the manuscript, with new text shown in red font. Below we provide detailed responses to the reviewers comments and questions.

We look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,
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Reviewer 1

1) I would ask the authors to comment on home and ambulatory blood pressure measurements in the diagnosis of hypertension in HD patients, and how lack of that information is a limitation in this study.

We agree that this is a limitation of the study and have highlighted this in the limitations, page 12.

*The cross-sectional nature of the data for baseline BP measurement, lack of ambulatory blood pressure measurements and assessment of LV hypertrophy without an assessment of volume status prevents us from drawing firm conclusions*