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To the editor of Biomed Central Nephrology

Madam, Sir,

First, we want to thank you for giving us the opportunity to submit a revised version of our manuscript entitled: SERUM CYSTATIN C IS A DETERMINANT OF CENTRAL PRESSURE AUGMENTATION MEASURED BY OSCILLOMETRIC METHOD IN RENAL TRANSPLANT RECIPIENTS.

Our point-by-point responses to the reviewers are the followings:

**Elio Antonucci’s report:**
Point 1- we have clarified this issue in the methods section of our manuscript. Our study is a cross-sectional study realised in a transplant cohort with no control group.
Point 3- see point 1
Point 5- we added a note in the legend of the tables to better explain the meaning of the p values in this context. Once again, there is no control group. Our approach is to identify independent factors associated with central pressure in a cohort of renal transplant patients by using conventional univariate and multivariate regression analyses.
Point 8- the clinical context is presented in the “background” section of our manuscript and we rather focused on the implications of our results in the “discussion” section. We however took into account the reviewer’s remark and have added a paragraph on the general context at the beginning of our discussion.
Point 10- The revised manuscript has been carefully edited.

**Andre Galassi’s report:**
We have now included the basal values of all the significant covariates of the table 3 in table 1.

Hoping that you will favorably consider this paper for publication in BioMed Central Nephrology and looking forward to reading your decision,

Sincerely Yours,
Dr Miriana DINIC and Pr Christophe MARIAT, on behalf of all the co-authors