Reviewer's report

Title: Blacks and Whites in the Cuba Have Equal Prevalence of Hypertension: Confirmation from a New Population Survey

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This is a well written paper on a very interesting topic. I just have a few comments.

Minor essential revisions
1. I think you should remove mention of the overall results for hypertension by race in the Results and Conclusions sections of the abstract and instead focus on the gender-stratified findings. The racial disparities are still likely smaller than seen between Black and White women in the US, but the way the abstract is currently written makes it seem like the differences are null when that's really only true for men.
2. On page 6, paragraph 1, in the sentence beginning with "No terminal digit", there appears to be a word missing.
3. The first sentence in the Results section is unclear.
4. In the first sentence of the second paragraph of the Results section I suggest clarifying that statement to say that gender-pooled hypertension prevalence did not differ substantially (since there were noticeable differences among women).

Discretionary revisions
5. On page 6, paragraph 1, you mention that black and mixed-race categories were combined in the primary analyses. Did you run secondary analyses with black and mixed-race included as separate categories? It would be interesting to see those results, at least the age-adjusted prevalence estimates.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests