Reviewer's report

Title: Prevalence and determinants of a normotensive blood pressure in a German population based cohort of hypertensive study participants

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This is a revised manuscript entitled “Prevalence and determinants of a normotensive blood pressure in a German population-based cohort of hypertensive study participants”.

Indeed, the manuscript deals with important data the presentation of which is not appropriate.

Major problems:
- incorrect definition of hypertension in patients with comorbidities, which must be BP # 140/90 mmHg or being on antihypertensive medication
- hypertension should be classified in untreated individuals (Table 1)
- presentation of results is totally unclear as is the aim of the study

Minor problems:
- the title of the manuscript is confusing and should probably be “Prevalence and determinants of controlled hypertension in a German population cohort”
- major style revision is needed

In conclusion, the manuscript is not acceptable for publication in the present form.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.