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**Title:** Effects of CPAP on nitrate and norepinephrine in severe and mild/moderate sleep apnea

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Dear Prof. Tim Shipley,

On behalf of the authors, I am pleased to re submit the article entitled “Effects of CPAP on nitrate and norepinephrine in severe and mild/moderate sleep apnea” with the corrections suggested by the last reviewer. We also would like to thank to the reviewer by their comments and suggestions. Here, are our answers to him:

**Minor Essential Revisions**

**Study population:** 1) and 2) Article updated.

**Statistical analysis:** The sentence “Subjects were stratified by BMI > 30 and BMI < 30 kg/m$^2$ to assess the effects of obesity on NO$_x$ and U-NE levels” was included (Article updated).

**Results:** 1) Before CPAP: As suggested, after CPAP results were moved to the After CPAP section (Article updated).

2) It was written Angiotensin II receptor antagonists (Article updated). The use of this therapy was not an exclusion criterion (the drugs that were exclusion criteria were angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors (IECAs) as referred in study population section).

3) The statement: “The study population was also stratified by BMI > 30 and < 30 kg/m$^2$ and there was no difference between obese and non obese subjects in NO$_x$ and U-NE levels” was included (Article updated).

**Conclusion:** Article updated.

**Discretionary revisions**

**Results:** 1) After CPAP: article updated.

I look forward to hearing from your final decision.

Best regards

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