Reviewer's report

Title: The management of severe hypertension in Australian general practice

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The issues previously noted have been largely resolved but there still some more to do

Major compulsory revisions
Table 3 and the related results text are hard for doctors to read if they are the target audience. Table 3 is not in the style generally used in medical articles. The authors could have an academic GP read the paper and suggest how to improve this aspect

Minor essential revisions
In abstract include % who have sustained SHT- its in the results section
Number of visits per patient said to be 11 in authors response but not clear from table 1
Renal impairment especially in the elderly is a major barrier in using AT1 and ACE drugs which worsen renal failure- suggest this be added to the implications - paragraph 2
In methods should read 68% of THESE practices - otherwise its ambiguous.

Discretionary revisions
In results text section its better to relate this more clearly to both Figure 1 and the total cohort otherwise for example 8% plus the remaining 86 % seems odd

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

None