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Title: Aortic Distensibility Measured by Pulse-Wave Velocity is Not Modified in Patients With Chagas Disease

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Reviewer 1

1. We addressed the fact that we measured PWV which is accepted as an indirect measure of aortic distensibility. We discussed the relationship of the two measures in the Discussion section.
2. We provided information on statistical power in the Statistical Analysis section.
3. We provided the information that no patient was on betablocker therapy.
4. We stated that in the case in which the p value was 0.074 a trend toward significance was observed and that a type-2 error might have occurred.
5. The interesting paper of Mitchell et al. was included in the manuscript.
6. The manuscript was revised by a person who speaks English as a native language.
7. The relationship of PWV with age and systolic blood pressure was explained.
8. We provided additional explanation on why we compared our work with that of Consolim-Colombo although we did not study endothelium function.
9. Additional explanations on pulse pressure were provided.

Reviewer 2

1. Detailed description of echocardiographic and peak VO2 analyses were provided.
2. On page 7, we stated that peak VO2 was also different.
3. Further discussion regarding the fact that no difference was observed in the group with heart failure was provided.

Best Regards

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