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On behalf of my coauthors, I am submitting a revised version of the manuscript titled “Hypertension Improvement Project (HIP): study protocol and implementation challenges” for your consideration.

We are grateful for the reviewer’s careful reading of the manuscript and have made the corrections that he suggested (see attached page). In addition, your Editorial Board had raised concerns regarding the status of the trial. The August 2008 date listed in clinicaltrials.gov indicated the month by which we completed the final 18-month data collection from participants. To clarify, the HIP trial is still in the data cleaning and analysis phase, and we have added language to this effect in the introduction and statistical analysis sections. Please let us know if additional information is required.

Thank you for your continued consideration, and we look forward to hearing from you.