Reviewer's report

**Title:** Oral nitrates effect on pulse pressure and arterial elasticity in patients over 65 with refractory isolated systolic hypertension.

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**Reviewer:** ian IBW wilkinson

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Thank you for addressing the points. There is one minor error of fact in the introduction that has been introduced

'All nitrates produce intense arterial vasodilation associated with supply of nitric oxide (NO) to endothelial cells.'

This is untrue as NO acts directly on smooth muscle cells and not via endothelial cells, which produce NO.

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

none