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Dear Editors,

I am pleased to submit the enclosed manuscript to be considered for publication in *BMC Geriatrics*.

Our study found that elevated plasma sVCAM-1 levels may be a marker of cerebral blood flow dysregulation due to endothelial damage from uncontrolled hypertension. It may also signal the presence of cerebral microvascular disease and its clinical consequences, including slow gait speed and falls.

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We believe our work will be of interest to readers of *BMC Geriatrics* and look forward to your review.

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