Reviewer’s report

Title: Resistant Hypertension and Cardiovascular Disease Mortality in the US: Results from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES)

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Reviewer: Deep Sharma

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The changes made have been appropriate and the quality of the paper has been significantly enhanced. The hypothesis/objectives are sound and trying to ask an important question that we usually do not think of when treating patients with hypertension. The results are clearly reported and the conclusions drawn are appropriate from the findings.

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2 minor points.

1. In the METHODS section, "After these exclusions, 6,194 participants were included in the final study population". I believe this number, should be 6,357 based on the results and Figure 1.

2. The section on RESULTS. "Subgroup Analyses. Pre-specified subgroup analyses are presented in Table 3." That should be Table 4.

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