Author’s response to reviews

Title: Ambulatory monitoring unmasks hypertension among kidney transplant patients: Single center experience and review of the literature

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Dear Editor,

We are grateful for the opportunity to further improve our manuscript in light of the reviewer’s and associate editor’s comments and submit it for your further evaluation. Below we address the comments point-by-point.
Sincerely,

Iddo Ben-Dov, MD, PhD

Thank you for submitting your revised manuscript. Unfortunately, the original Reviewer 1, Swapnil Hiremath, was unavailable to re-review your manuscript. Therefore, an expert member of our Editorial Board was approached to assess your responses to the reviewers. Please see below for Associate Editor Roberto Minutolo's comments:

"The Author's response to the concerns of Reviewer 1 is adequate. However, I noted that the discrepancy between office and ABP values (primary outcome) was calculated as difference between these two measures. More correctly, it should be assessed by using Bland-Altman method to estimate bias and 95%CI. Accordingly, the graphs of the figure 1 panel B should be changed (x-axis must be the average between clinic and awake BP and not the average of clinic only). As a consequence, of course, analyses on primary outcome should be re-run."

As suggested, we replaced the scatter plots with Bland-Altman plots in Figure 1B. However, no analyses need re-running as the difference (delta), which appears in the y-axes of the new plots, was (and still is) the primary outcome of our analyses.

Hassan N Ibrahim, MD, MS (Reviewer 2): Thank you for your response

The title appears unfocused. You may want to highlight the masked HTN aspects only.

Done, as suggested